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MacARTHUR OR WEDEMEYER FOR CHINA URGED

Elizabeth Dines Out

London, Nov. 12.—Princess Elizabeth, whose baby is expected this weekend, made a surprise excursion from Buckingham Palace tonight when she went by car with the Duke of Edinburgh to dine with friends in the West End. The Princess drove to Gloucester Street, less than a mile from the Palace, to dine with Lord and Lady Brabourne. Princess Elizabeth was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Lady Patricia Mountbatten, the daughter of Earl Mountbatten, to Lord Brabourne in 1946. King George and Queen Elizabeth, who normally spend their weekend at Royal Lodge, Windsor, tonight remained at Buckingham Palace. They have no official engagements in London over the weekend. The Duke is also in residence at the Palace.—Reuter.

Banks' Assets, Liabilities Wiped Out

London, Nov. 12.—London bankers who have branches in China today believed that the currency conditions there had become completely chaotic. The depreciation of the Chinese currency, they said, had gone so far as to wipe out the banks' assets and liabilities. They thus regarded themselves as having no local currency assets or liabilities in China and said that their only concern there was for the safety of bank officials and their families. Some astonishing examples were given of how far the Chinese inflation had gone. While aircraft were still flying between Shanghai and Peking, the journey cost one penny in English money—the plane naturally had to be flown. Another penny would have paid a telephone bill for five years. Water rates were simply not paid, because, in any real money, they were too small to bother about. The old currency had to be withdrawn in August because it had literally become worth less than the paper on which it was printed. London bankers today felt that the only way to restore confidence in the currency would be to honour it in gold, silver or foreign currency, but they were convinced that the situation had got so far out of hand as to make this impossible.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Further Delay Unnecessary

THE unofficial statement concerning the housing project in which Government has made a financial investment serves to make clear the purpose of the project but does nothing to clarify Government's position. It demonstrates that the Government has already been appreciated; that Government has become a substantial shareholder, but until the authorities disclose some further figures taxpayers must remain ignorant as to what return they are to enjoy on their involuntary investment. It has been observed that the principle under which this particular housing scheme operates is for shareholders to participate in profits to the extent of the rent would be returned to tenants by way of dividends. Larger rents would mean larger dividends—smaller rents, smaller dividends. In effect the tenant, being his own landlord, would be living at a more economical rate than he would were he to live under equally comfortable conditions in a flat owned by someone else. This is manifestly a sensible proposition, and the taxpayer then tentatively enquires whether Government's rents for the 25 flats are high or low, for from this it can be ascertained whether the dividends will be large, small, or anything at all. Even without stated figures the answer is not very difficult to find. As civil servants are going to occupy the flats and as they cannot pay in rent more than 16 percent of salary, with a maximum of \$350 a month, the rents can be regarded as coming in the "small"

To Restore Faltering Military Situation

U.S. AMMUNITION ON WAY

Washington, Nov. 12.—Senator Styles Bridges today called for a special session of Congress to discuss the dispatch of either General MacArthur or Lt-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer to China to help that nation's "desperate" fight against the Chinese Communists.

The Republican Senator from New Hampshire urged President Truman to call a special session immediately and send arms to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government, and at a press conference at Des Moines, Iowa, he proposed that some such "outstanding American" as MacArthur or Wedemeyer be sent to China at once to help China's faltering military situation. Diplomatic officials disclosed, meanwhile, that the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, had had a special conference with the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert A. Lovett. It was believed that Dr. Koo requested additional military help from the United States to the hard-pressed Kuomintang government.

Talks about the Chinese crisis have been going on for the past 10 days in Washington and Paris. In proposing that Gen. MacArthur or Gen. Wedemeyer be sent to China, Senator Bridges said that both generals had "full familiarity" with the Orient. He added that the job of saving China from the Reds required the service of an outstanding American. Gen. Wedemeyer recently headed a special mission to China, and compiled a report which has never been officially disclosed. Senator Bridges said the United States should send help to China, but not troops. He asserted that the "situation in China is far more serious than the public realizes," and appealed for a special session to study reports of Congressional investigators who had returned from China in the past 48 hours. Senator Bridges said in a statement that President Truman should recall Congress at once to receive the "real facts" in China and rush additional aid to the government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

DESPERATE SITUATION
Senator Bridges, chairman of both the Senate Appropriations Committee and the joint Congressional "watchdog" group which checks the foreign aid programme, said that the situation in China had become "so desperate that a positive and effective American aid programme is urgently needed to prevent the Communists from taking over the whole of China lock, stock and barrel."

The Republicans could call a special session of the present Republican-dominated Congress if their leaders should agree that it is desirable. Senator Bridges criticised what he called the State Department's "do nothing" policy about China. He said that State Department now admitted that the China situation is "deteriorating very fast and there is a grave problem."

Speaking for himself, he urged the nation to "face the tragic facts" and seek to avert the sending of American assistance which would be "too little and too late." He charged that although the 80th Congress appropriated \$125,000,000 for military and \$300,000,000 for economic aid to China, "up to a few days ago not one cent of this military aid appropriation had been spent."

BLOOM'S COMMENT

Representative Sol Bloom (Democrat of Kentucky), who is expected to be the head of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the 81st Congress, said in a comment on Sen. Bridges' proposals that he thought "China ought to clean her house first." "They are not doing their part under the present programme," Representative Bloom said. "When they show that they are ready to carry out their obligations, then I will be for a special session or anything else we can do to help China. But the first move must come from the Chinese themselves," said Rep. Bloom.

The State Department Press Officer, Michael J. McDermott, said that the Department has not "yet" considered Bridges' proposals. He added that all the Department knew about the proposals was what it learned from press services. Sen. Bridges said that a "representative group" in the Congress shares his views. He said that Generalissimo Chiang was "loyal to the United States during the war when the Chinese could make peace with Japan" and that the late President Roosevelt "sold" Chiang out to Yalta and Tehran by making agreements that China did not know about.

"I cannot see that it is going to help stop the spread of Communism in Europe if we turn over billions of dollars to the Communists," Sen. Bridges said.—United Press.

AMMUNITION SHIPPED

Washington, Nov. 12.—It was disclosed today that the United States has shipped 5,000 tons of ammunition to the hard-pressed Chinese Nationalist armies and a much bigger arms shipment will soon be on the way.

The announcement came after Senator Styles Bridges had urged President Truman to call a special session of Congress to provide emergency help for Communist-threatened China. Meanwhile, Chinese sources in Washington said the first major shipment of American guns and ammunition to China since the Communist sweep in Manchuria would depart any minute. There appeared little chance that Senator Bridges' proposal of a special session would be accepted. Senators J. William Fulbright and Joseph O'Mahoney did not think a special session would be desirable. Senator Fulbright said he did not think it would accomplish any more than the special session called last summer.—United Press.

392 lb Boar Shot In NT



A record boar weighing 392½ lbs was shot by Mr Wong Bor at Plover Cove, New Territories, on Remembrance Day. Photograph shows Mr Wong standing beside his prized trophy. (Photo: George C. Lau).

45,000 Longshoremen At Atlantic Coast Ports To Go On Strike

New York, Nov. 12.—A strike of 45,000 longshoremen in every port along the Atlantic Coast, effective at midnight, was called today by Joseph Ryan, president of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association.

The general East Coast strike was ordered minutes after the American Association of Railroads clamped an embargo on export freight shipments bound for New York and Boston, whose harbours have been tied up since Wednesday by a wildcat dockworkers' strike.

Philadelphia and Wilmington are also tied up by the strike and Mr Ryan's announcement meant that it would become a formal strike and would extend from Maine to Virginia, taking in such other great ports as Baltimore, Norfolk and Portland. Mr Ryan said the Union had voted overwhelmingly not to accept a contract, providing a ten cents an hour wage increase, which was approved by the ILLA Negotiating Committee and the shipping companies.

LINEERS DIVERTED
The maritime strike will halt most of the shipments to Europe. However, the strikers are expected to load ships carrying supplies to American troops in the occupation zones overseas.

The strike already had caused the diversion of three big passenger liners including the Mauretania and Britannia, to Halifax from New York. Extension of the strike will paralyze the East Coast completely. The West Coast shipping industry has been struck since September 2. It was disclosed that 28,000 longshoremen at Gulf of Mexico ports probably would stay on the job even though they had followed East Coast dockworkers in past strikes. Union officials in New Orleans said they expected to sign an agreement shortly with Gulf shipowners and did not anticipate a strike, regardless of Eastern action.

TRUMAN MAY INTERVENE
Mr Ryan hinted today that President Truman might intervene. In Philadelphia, Cyrus Ching, head of the Federal mediation service, said no formula for ending the dispute was being worked out. Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York was reported to be cutting short his California vacation to fly to New York to "take charge of a port where some 300 ships are lying idle."

The Union apparently is settling down for a prolonged struggle. The new wage demands are expected to be a 25 cents an hour increase, plus improved conditions on hours, vacations and the Union welfare fund.

The Union and the shipping companies met late today, but made no progress whatsoever and set no date for a future joint meeting. The shipowners were bitter because Mr Ryan previously had approved their ten-cent increase offer but is now rejecting it. Mr Ryan declared: "The closing of all ports is a national calamity and the President will have to come into this matter."—United Press.

BATTLE TIDE TURNING AT HSUCHOW COMMUNISTS BEGIN TO GIVE GROUND

1,000,000 TROOPS ENGAGED

Nanking, Nov. 13.—The biggest battle in the history of modern China, now raging near Hsuehchow, north of Nanking, showed signs on Friday of turning slightly in favour of the Government forces.

Reports from the front said that the main forces of Communist General Chen Yi are giving ground under the impact of the revived Government troops. The reports indicated that the Communists are withdrawing on the eastern and western flanks amidst bitter fighting.

The arrival of General Pao Chung-hsi's Central China forces plus effective air support is credited with turning the critical battle in the Government's favour at least temporarily.

According to Government estimates more than 1,000,000 men are involved in this battle on which hinges the fate of the whole of North and Central China. A Communist victory would expose the city of Nanking to direct attack.

A Government spokesman said the Communists have suffered more than 15,000 casualties and estimated that there were three times that number of Nationalist casualties.

MANCHURIA PREPARATIONS
Meanwhile, reports from Peking on Friday said that the victorious Communist armies of Manchuria are preparing fresh offensive operations.

Normally it should take at least several weeks for the Communists to mount a new offensive, but it is possible that they will strike sooner to take advantage of such favourable factors as the present low morale and shortage of weapons of the Nationalist forces in North China.

Military analysts believed they will drive into Hsuehchow with the prize cities of Tientsin and Peking as their main objectives.

A current report says that the Communists have massed about 50,000 troops in the area north of Tangshan, the great coal centre, 60 miles northeast of Tientsin. Americans in North China have been told officially to prepare to leave immediately. A U.S. naval vessel is due to sail from Tientsin on November 18 and the American Consul in Peking was warned that "later evacuation may be impossible."—Associated Press.

Planes Crash In Jungle

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 12.—An RAF Spitfire and an RAF Dakota crashed into the jungle 22 miles north of Kuala Lumpur on Friday morning during anti-terrorist operations.

The Royal Air Force Headquarters here said it feared that the pilots of both planes and the Dakota crew were killed.

The Spitfire was one of a formation of Spitfires and Beaufighters attacking a bandit camp on a hillside close to the main road. It crashed as the pilot came out of a dive. The Dakota crashed shortly after when it came to relieve another Dakota which was circling the area where the Spitfire crashed. Search parties are now in the jungle trying to reach the wreckage.—Associated Press.

CASUALTIES IN MALAYA
Singapore, Nov. 12.—In the last 24 hours included three Malay police killed and two wounded, one British Army officer, one British NCO and one soldier wounded. Two insurgents were also killed and four wounded.

The British soldiers were wounded when two jeep patrols were ambushed in Pahang State.

Their names have not been given. The Malays were killed and wounded when a sea mine in the west of Pahang State exploded. Armed with pangangs (Malay daggers) and axes, an unknown group of men killed three Chinese men and one woman and wounded another woman at Johore on Thursday night.—Associated Press.

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Bride To Be?



ACTRESS Elizabeth Taylor of Hollywood may marry Lt Glen Davis, former U.S. Army football star, when he returns to the U.S. from duty in Korea three years hence, but they are not engaged, her mother, Mrs Francis Taylor said. (AP Photo)

Shirley's Husband Named Star Of Year

JOHN AGAR, Shirley Temple's husband, who was seen in "Fort Apache" and "Rory Calhoun" have been named star of the year in a contest conducted by Photoplay magazine.

In third place was Howard Duff, who appeared in "Brute Force" and "The Naked City".

Audie Murphy, America's most decorated ground soldier of World War II, will play in "Bad Boy", which deals with the juvenile delinquency problem. When the picture is finished, he will make a personal appearance tour in 33 U.S. cities and in London, Paris, Rome, Johannesburg and Far Eastern cities.

He made his film debut in Alan Ladd's film of West Point, "Beyond Glory".

Just before Kathryn Grayson had her baby, she and Johnny Johnston got together and wrote a song entitled, "End Of The Line", which has been accepted for publication.

The dusky beauty, "Lena Horne", brought in \$50,000 a week at a New York night club—an all-time record.

Now Lena is to star in a musical version of "Anna Lucasta", Harold Arlen, who wrote such classical jazz numbers as "Stormy Weather" and "Blues in the Night", is writing the music for the new production.

Mr J. Arthur Rank, Google Withers, Rona Anderson, Bill Owen.

THE MEN BEHIND THE MOVIES

By BOB THOMAS

DO you know who C. Bakaleinikoff, Farrel Edouart, Van Nest Polglase and O. O. Dull are? What do Raskin, Briskin and Schmicklin do?

At the most, these are but half-remembered names to the average moviegoer. They are the behind-scenes workers whose duties are proclaimed at the beginning of every picture.

Fans have long rebelled against film credits. Who, they argue, but relatives and co-workers would be interested in knowing who did the art direction of a film? Despite the pleas, film credits are to stay. Perhaps they would be more tolerable if they were understood.

Original story—This fellow sweated over a hot swimming pool to turn out a story idea which the studio might buy.

Adaptation—He took the original (or book or play) and whipped it into shape for a film.

Screen play—He polishes up the story and puts it into script form. By this time the original writer probably wouldn't recognise his brain child.

Right And Angles
Photography—He seldom touches the camera, leaving that chore to lesser paid minions. He supervises the camera angles and sees that the set has enough light.

Musical score—He composes the background music.
Musical conductor—The baton wielder.

Art director—He's the architect of the picture; he plans the sets.
Set Decorator—He supplies the props.

Editor—A vastly important man. He takes the celluloid and prunes it into the finished product.
Sound—Usually the head of the sound department. Sometimes the "mixer" is given credit with dials and suggestions, he modulates the voices on the sound track.

Special effects—He can create earthquakes, atomic blasts and miniature cities.
Colour director—He sees that the colours don't clash.
Process photography—Trick shots.
Assistant director—He's the stage manager, in charge of all labour on a set.—Associated Press.

CLIMBING TO STARDOM

By H. H. Wollenberg

DECISIVE as are writers and producers, directors and musicians, art directors and cameramen in the success of a film, in the eye of the audience it is the actor or actress who counts more than anyone else.

The men and women who appear on the screen are the human element which determines the relationship between moving picture and audience.

During the few decades of cinema history we have seen film stars rise to world popularity; we have seen some of them fall, sooner or later—some after a short and brilliant career, others after long years. The film public yearns for variety, for fresh impressions, for new faces—or rather for new personalities.

The British film industry, expanding in both quality and quantity, has introduced new actors and actresses to cinema audiences in many countries. Stars like Ann Todd, Deborah Kerr, Rosamund John, Google Withers, Leslie Robinson and Jean Kent, to quote only a few, can today be counted among internationally established stars. But new talent is coming to the fore with almost every new production.

It was during World War II, which saw the renaissance of the British film, that a young girl, Jean Simmons, could be seen acting in juvenile parts. In that unforgettable picture, "The Way to the Stars," there was a quickly passing scene of a girl singing a song. It was Jean Simmons. In other films, too, such as "Hungry Hill," she appeared in modest roles. But her parts became more important as her natural talent won through, becoming manifest in "Great Expectations."

Meanwhile, she had outgrown children's parts. Her impressive performance of a young Indian girl in "Black Narcissus" was followed by her first leading part in "Uncle Silas." Laurence Olivier then gave her the part of Ophelia opposite his "Hamlet." We are now waiting to meet her again in "The Blue Lagoon," one of next season's great productions.

From Child Roles

THE other case of a young artist stardom is Sally Howerd. In her early teens she made her debut in Rodney Ackland's "Thursday's Child." Her gift of expression struck critics and audiences in the wartime productions of "Halfway House" and "Dead of Night." To-day she is the leading lady in "My Sister and I," and has been picked by John Mills, one of Britain's foremost stars who has turned producer as well, to star with him in his new film "The History of Mr. Polly," based on the novel by H. G. Wells.

During the early war years an outstanding British film "49th Parallel" was made by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. Filmgoers with a good memory may still remember a scene in a German colony living a peaceful, happy life in the heart of Canada. In it appeared a young girl, Glynis Johns, who was acting on the screen for the first time. Today Glynis Johns, whose name they mean little to audiences even in Britain, is one of the most charming and talented actresses in British films. It was a long and hard road from the small part in "49th Parallel" to one of the leading roles in Korda's version of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband."

To become a star overnight may be the dream of many an actress, but to achieve it is another matter. It did happen to one young actress, however—Carol Marsh—and that after her first appearance on the screen. Picked to play the part of a waitress opposite Richard Attenborough in "Brighton Rock," her performance was so remarkable, that no sooner had she been seen than she was engaged by a French company to play the part of Alice in the Paris production of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

First Thirty Seconds

It was Sir Alexander Korda who first saw the possibilities in blonde, striking-looking Christine Norden. He tried her out in one or two small parts, with satisfactory results for both. With her intelligent performance in one of the leading roles of "Mine Own Executioner," she scored a success which established her as one of Korda's leading actresses.

Thirty seconds in James Mason's "The Upturned Glass" was Susan Shaw's first taste of film acting. It was hardly sufficient for the audience to recognise in her a future star, but it was sufficient for directors and producers to sit up and take notice. She was given larger parts, was seen as the pleasure-loving, hard-drinking girl in "Always Rings a Bell" and as a result of this performance earned the leading role in "London Belongs to Me," now in production.



LADY IN DISTRESS DOROTHY LAMOUR and her too-willing rescuers, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, in one of the many riotous scenes from Paramount's "Road to Rio," which is showing at the Queen's and Alhambra. The comedy features the Andrews Sisters, the very funny Where Brothers, Gale Sondergaard and Frank Faylen.

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Why do we have Russians, Daddy?

Answered—after much research—by
BERNARD WICKSTEED

DO you have a bright boy at your breakfast-table who won't let you read the paper in peace? I have, and the other morning he asked: "Why do we have Russians, daddy? Who first thought of them?"

Obviously that's a question requiring notice, so I've been reading up some early Russian history, and prepared the following written answer (strictly non-political):—

The first people to be called Russians weren't Russians at all. They were Viking pirates who went there a thousand years ago for what they could pick up. And they picked up plenty, including the name of Russ, which meant seamen.

That's how it is that Russia, one of the most continental of nations, gets its name from the sea.

The nation grew up along its river banks, and by making a few easy portages with their boats the Russ could forage from the Baltic to the Black Sea or the Caspian and find villages to sack all the way.

FINAL WORD

THE Viking pirates gave Russia its first laws as well as its name. One of the laws was very convenient. It said that if either side disagreed with the verdict in a civil suit the parties could fight it out afterwards, the winner to have his own way.

The Angles who came to England and the Normans who went to Normandy belonged to the same race as these Russ. That's why we and the Russians both use feet and inches. They were old Norse measures.

And if you study the Norman churches in England you will see that the builders worked in multiples and fractions of 7 1/2, a measure the Russians use still and call the sajene.

The Russ founded a dynasty of princes at Kiev and negotiated a trade agreement with Constantinople. Their exports in those days were furs, honey, and slaves.

One of the terms of the agreement was that Russ sailors in Constantinople should be given free Turkish baths.

AFTER PAGANISM

CHRISTIANITY reached Russia by the same trade route. It was introduced by a prince of Kiev named Vladimir, who started his reign with an orgy of paganism.

He had a thousand people put to death to bring him luck, he married a dozen wives, and then surrounded his palace with statues of heathen gods. One of them, called Perun, the god of thunder, had a handlebar moustache made of gold.

But after a bit Vladimir began to tire of paganism and looked round for another religion. The first people he approached were some Jews who had come to his Court. The religious future of Russia hung in the balance until he asked them his last question, which was: "Why are you scattered all over the earth?"

"For our sins," said the Jews, and Vladimir turned them down.

The next people he asked were the Arabs, and the religion of Islam sounded all right to him until

they came to the bit about not drinking.

"But life in Russia," said Vladimir, "would be impossible without drink." So he turned them down, too.

He rejected Rome because he didn't want the Pope asserting his authority, and finally chose the Greek Church because envoys who went to Constantinople found the services so enchanting. Plenty of Russians still do.

(I know this sounds like a funny story somebody made up, but it is all put down in the Russian Chronicle from which historians draw their material). Having decided on the Greek Church the prince had all his subjects baptised—by force when necessary. It seemed a pity to scrap the god with the gold moustache, so he had it renamed Elijah.

INVASION

KIEV, with its early Viking heritage, faded out of the Russian picture and Moscow came into it, largely on account of the Tartars and Mongols who poured in from Asia on horseback.

For two hundred years they stormed round the country killing the men and taking the women and children for slaves. They introduced gunpowder from China, and one of their princes or khans made 19 peace treaties in a row and broke them all.

Moscow was then a small backwoods town in the north and was able to stand the onslaught better than Kiev, on the open plains of the south. For one thing Moscow was on a tributary, and the Tartars mostly followed the main rivers. So anyone who wanted a quiet life found the best place to get it was up some backwater, like the Moscow tributary.

Even so, Moscow was only comparatively quiet. The local princes themselves made things lively enough by indulging in their favourite sport of putting people's eyes out.

Ivan the Terrible was a Moscow boy. He became prince of the city in 1533 when he was three years old, and at an early age began to show how terrible he was by throwing cats off the Kremlin roof.

He was attended by a boyar, which is Russian for a well-to-do man, and this old boyar had a habit of putting his feet up on the bed. One day when Ivan was 13 he got so mad at him about this that he ordered him to be put to death.

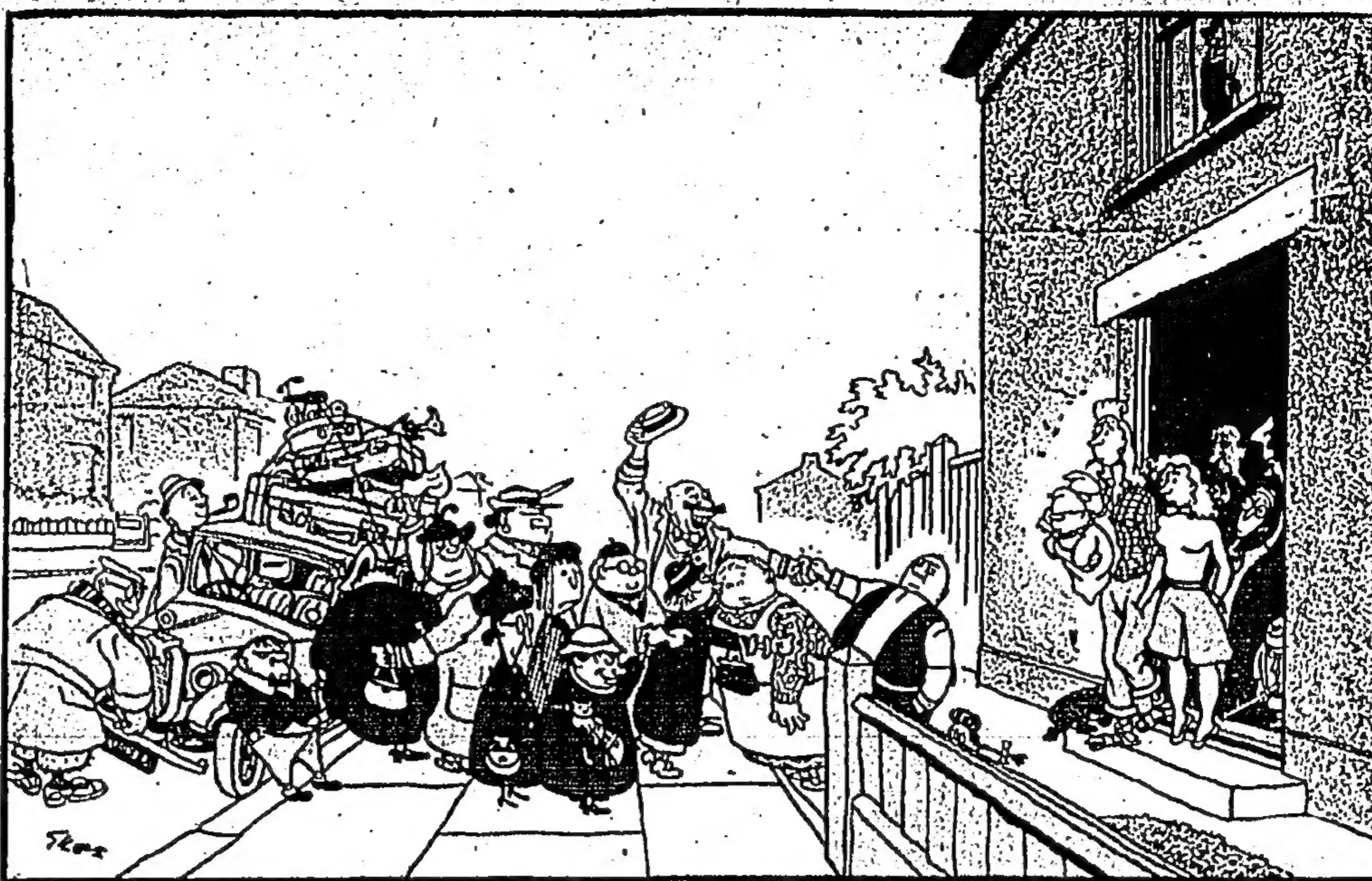
THEN REMORSE

FROM then on he never looked back. He tortured and killed his subjects in hundreds. He had whole families liquidated by throwing them in the river, and sent people out in boats to push them under when they surfaced.

Oddly enough this terrible man had a conscience, and there was so much on it that he couldn't sleep at night. His howls of remorse echoed through the corridors of the Kremlin and kept everyone else awake, too.

All the same, Ivan is probably the answer to the bright boy's question. He was the first Russian to call himself Czar (short for Caesar), and when he died in 1582 he had laid the foundations of a Russian State, and pushed its boundaries into Siberia.

Next question, please.



"Isn't it lovely? Thanks to Gaitskell we'll all be able to come and stay with you for Christmas."

The WOOLING of BRITAIN

by **GEORGE SCOTT**

NEW YORK. WITH the United States Presidential election in the news, and the public and the politicians concentrating their main attention on the campaigns, war talk in America has been less fervent.

But this decrease in war talk, far from indicating an American trend towards belief in a peaceful settlement of East-West problems, denotes what is now a firm conviction in this country, that an open clash between Russia and the West must come some time.

With this conviction strong in the minds of American policy-makers and propagandists, and growing stronger every day, there is developing a new attitude towards Great Britain.

Britain is acquiring a special importance to America, and the result of this fresh trend is an anxious desire to sustain, support and strengthen the British financial structure, and to expand the industrial capacity of the United Kingdom.

Our Part

A BELIEF that war with Russia is inevitable is the most potent form of propaganda in favour of Great Britain.

In a death struggle such as Americans envisage World War III, will be, Britain is seen as the last line of European defence against a Russian sweep across the Continent.

The change in the disposition of American citizens towards Britain brings with it a recognition of the importance of the Commonwealth in any defence plan.

These informed Americans declare that the Empire should be maintained and that its boundaries should not be diminished.

Indeed, the enlargement of the Imperial domain would not be opposed. The Colonial Empire must be upheld, say the leaders of opinion in the New World. And everywhere there is recognition of the need for increasing the administrative responsibilities of Great Britain.

'U.S. Century'

THE American Government is willing, even anxious, to hand over to Britain the trusteeship of Cyrenaica, the important Italian colony in North Africa. Running parallel with this new attitude born of military considerations is an unexplained optimism in Washington in Britain's ultimate economic recovery.

At the beginning of the year American opinion about Britain was very low. It held little hope for our economic future.

But although America is ceasing to look on Britain merely as a beggarly relation, as she has done since the end of the war, the new plan promotes us to no more exalted rank than that of a junior staff officer under American leadership.

For the citizens of every State in the Union believe that this is America's Century. The leader writers, the columnists, the lecturers, all of them have been telling their public day after day that this is the era of the U.S.

But the U.S. is willing to concede ungrudgingly a subordinate position to Britain in its vision of the future grandeur of America.

Other Voices

THERE are dissenters from this general opinion. It is well that we should be aware of their existence.



"SAY. THAT DAME HAS SURE GOT SUMP'N'."

Palestine is still a sore spot annoying the Zionists in the U.S.

While propagandists led their followers in cries of delight when both Marshall and Bevin accepted the Bernadotte Plan, there were other, Semitic, voices which wailed their protest.

It was enough for the sentimental, military minded publicists that the U.S. and Britain had reached agreement on a plan for Palestine. The agreement and not the plan was what mattered to them.

But Sumner Welles, the former Under-Secretary of State, condemns the Bernadotte Plan, and accuses Britain and America of trying to harry the General Assembly's Political Committee into accepting it to attain their own selfish, short-sighted ends.

By giving the Negev to Transjordan, he says, and reducing the territory of the Jewish State to less than one-half of that allotted to it by the Assembly's Partition resolution last November, the U.S. and Britain would deprive Israel of any chance of becoming an independent nation.

He calls the Bernadotte Plan a project to give Britain a military status in the Near East to which she is not entitled.

As the war alarm grows, America's attitude changes . . . and offers an opportunity to the British Empire

Britain would obtain from the Arabs the use of the Negev, rich in mineral and agricultural resources, for her own military and economic requirements.

His viewpoint exemplifies at once the nature of the Zionist grievances and also the determination of the American State Department and militarists to re-establish a powerful Britain.

The squabble between Britain and the U.S. over film quotas continues, but this is strictly a battle between business men and does not assume political importance.

There is fear in some quarters that American foreign policy, instead of being independently formed and guiding the rest of the Western world, is being too much influenced by Great Britain.

But none of the anti-British forces cited here diverts the surging stream of friendly opinion away from Britain.

There is another cause for discontent in the U.S., but not one for hostility towards Britain. That is disappointment over Western Union.

The Americans expected us to lead Western Union and make it a powerful, living movement.

That desire has failed, and sensible Americans are seeing how the absurdity of trying to link a strong and vital self-sacrificing Britain with a weak, nervous, debilitated France.

The New York Times is becoming the exponent of the theory that

Britain should be separate from Western Union and nothing more than an ally of it. Thus Western Union would be restricted to a Continental union.

The truth is clear that Britain has only to persevere in the exposition of the difficulties of this project that is now still-born to convince America of the utter impracticability of Britain being a part of it.

What Now?

WHAT, then are our duties and tasks in responding to this new-found American sympathy and support for Britain and the British Empire?

They are to make immediate plans to expedite pressing measures and to work out sound designs for the development of the United Kingdom and the British Empire.

We must make unceasing efforts to bind together the British Commonwealth of Nations more tightly than ever before and to re-establish Britain in the powerful leadership of the greatest and most powerful family bloc the world has ever known.

Faith and courageous action built the Empire. Faith and courage are needed again today.

By seizing this opportunity, Britain can escape from the stigma of being a third-rate Power and junior partner, and reaffirm her rightful importance as a great Power alongside America and Russia.

Demobilisation De Luxe

By **PETER LOVEGROVE**

THOSE of us who have passed through the machine of mobilisation recall it as a business-like, unemotional and mercifully short operation.

No speeches or bands delayed or speeded my own translation into the perils of Clivvy Street; nobody wanted me to inspect anything; press photographers had long since exhausted all novel angles on the subject by the time I galloped through Aldershot and Woking, and both the ACC and the LCC forbore to present me with an iced cake to commemorate their respective loss and gain.

Not so with Flight-Sergeant Lewis, who has just retired from the Royal Air Force and taken up residence at Ilford, Essex. When he left Hulton Station for the last time the other day, he was given a farewell parade and inspected the apprentices among whom he had served so long. Officers of his station and the RAF Apprentices' Band and Pipes accompanied him to his civilian home, which he entered under a battery of newsreel and press cameras to the strains of 'Auld Lang Syne' played in slow time. And then, after listening to two speeches, one by Air Commodore J. F. Timmuss, the Station Commandant, he was the guest of honour at a special lunch.

Perhaps the best known of all Service mascots, Lewis (the name is derived from the initials L.E.W. of London, England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland), himself the son of a distinguished Royal Welsh Fusiliers mascot, has had a long and distinguished career with No. 1 Apprentices Wing.

Promotion Came

After figuring proudly at the head of the Band on all ceremonial occasions at Hulton, Lewis first reached a wider public at the Aircraft Apprentices' Jubilee in 1945; and so well did he behave that he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Thereafter his polished hooves, gilded horns and impeccable parade "panache" were never long out of the limelight. The British Legion Festival before the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family, the Lord Mayor's Show, the 1946 Rugby Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, the Battle of Britain Parade in Hyde Park, and the Festival of United Empire all brought Lewis more popular favour, promotion, and the award of the Defence Medal.

He also became a member of that very exclusive club, from which human beings are rigorously excluded—the Allied Forces Mascot Club. And now that he has reached his age-and-service release group number for mascots, goat, mountain, white (not affected by the present one month's suspension), and as a tribute to one of its most colourful and publicised members, the Club has offered him honourable retirement at the PDFA Sanatorium, an ideal spot for him to spend years of leisure after such a busy public life.

Lewis Carroll and James Thurber would have enjoyed his exit from Service life and the pomp and ceremony of his reception at the Sanatorium. At Hulton, he had a defiant bleat for the WO 1 and ate his demobilisation papers and clearance chit. At Ilford, where he arrived wearing a demob suit without a check stripe, and a bowler hat at a rakish angle, he was greeted by Duke, a Shetland pony, Barney, ex-RAF donkey mascot who have been known to travel by Underground, Billy, the resident goat, a large white dog, and a number of convalescent shire horses.

Exemplary Decorum

The whole stag party gathered round a decorated table, and without further ceremony got stuck into a large iced cake made of ingredients with a particular appeal to goats, donkeys and horses, and with carrots in lieu of candles. Though not every guest displayed perfect table manners, Lewis behaved with his customary exemplary decorum through the meal, the speeches and 'Auld Lang Syne'—until the time came—for him to part company with his beloved band. The minute he was handed over to two civilian attendants, he drew back on his haunches and refused to budge an inch. Only a whispered consultation with the bandmaster broke the deadlock. The musicians about-turned and marched away playing one of their liveliest tunes in the direction of the stables, and Lewis automatically fell into step. As the stable door was reached, the attendants leaped at him, grabbed him by the horns, and hurried him enthusiastically from the rear, and Lewis, struggling gamely and bitterly mortified, disappeared from public life for ever.

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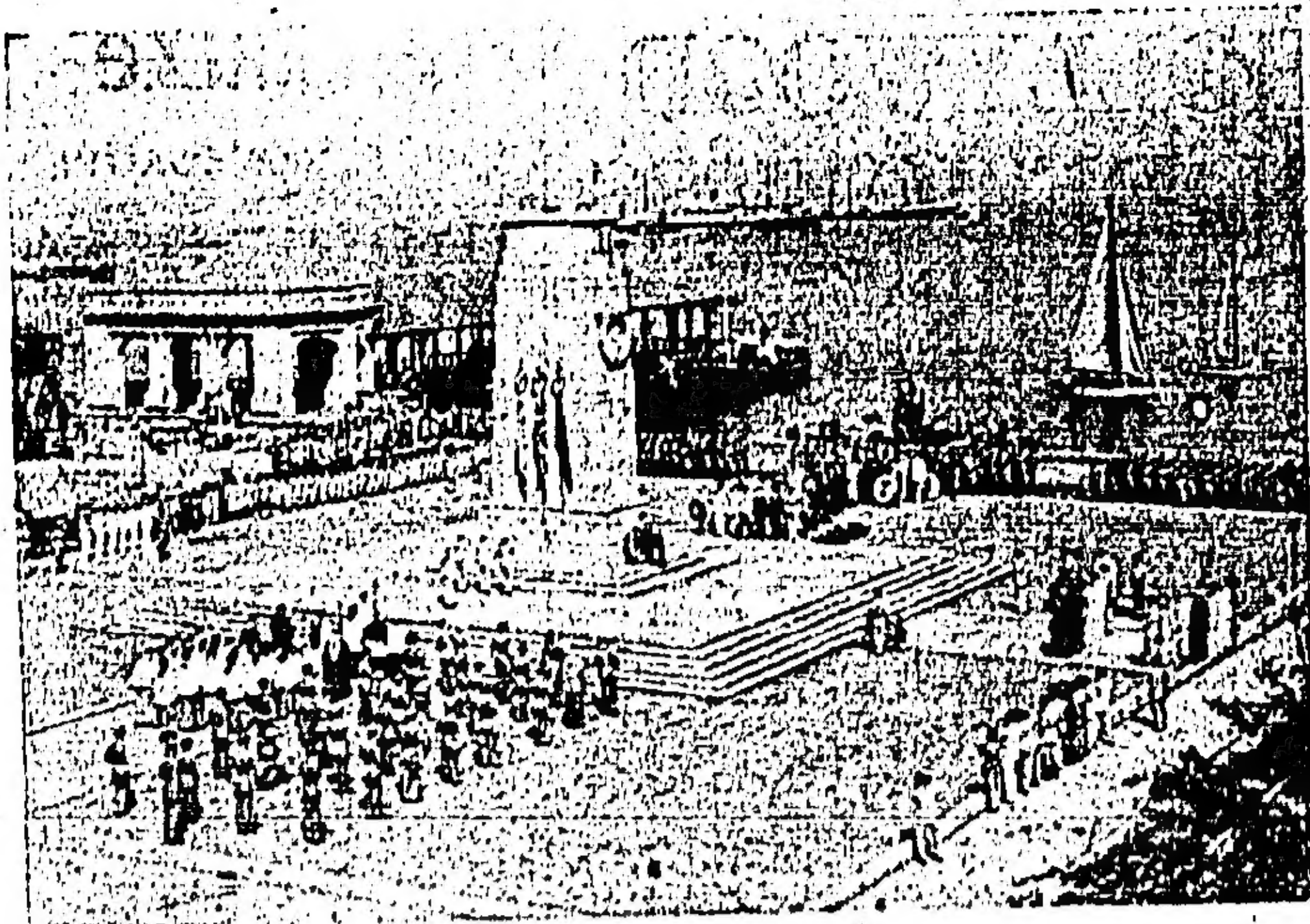
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SCENE at Statue Square on Sunday last, when Hongkong residents observed Remembrance Sunday, and wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph in honour of those who fell in the two World Wars. (Ming Yuen)



LEFT: Lady Grantham distributing prizes at the annual speech day of St Stephen's Girls' College. Above: His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, speaking on the same occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the wedding at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday of Mr Roger Malengorean and Miss Daphne Leach. (Ming Yuen)



MR Eric Lonsdale and Miss Helen Shearer, Thomson leaving the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, after their wedding last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, photographed before their meeting on Tuesday. Seated in centre is the Hon. A. Morso, President of the Association. (Golden Studio)



RIGHT: Carol Ann, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Long, was christened at St Joseph's Church last week. (Ming Yuen)



DR Adeline Barbosa da Conceicao, Macao education official, and Miss Olivia Maria Hyndman Lobo, daughter of Dr P. J. Lobo, Macao's Director of Economics, who were married last Sunday. (Chun Kwong, Macao)

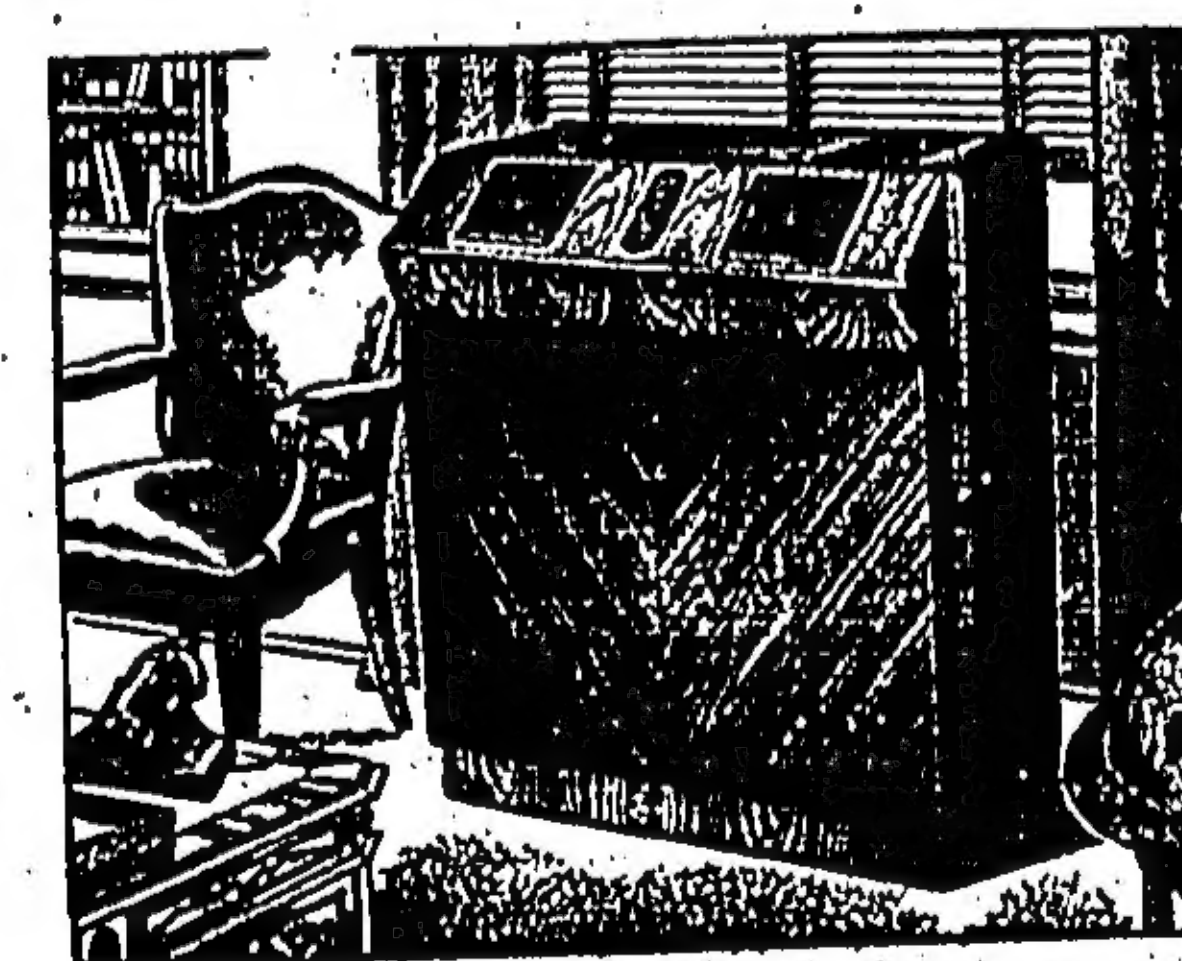


TWO parties at the Harcourt Officers' Club's first dinner dance of the season last Saturday. Above: A large group including Wing Commander Evan, OC Troops on board HMT Lancashire, Mr Knight, chief officer of the ship, Capt Rogerson and Capt De Carte. Below: Messrs. Young, Sangers, Lishman and Dobbie with the Misses Chen. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR W. Villa Carlos and Miss Mercia Rocha, who were married at Rosary Church last Saturday, photographed with their attendants after the ceremony. (Ming Yuen)

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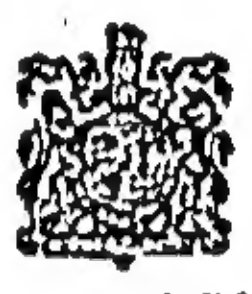
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE



THE FULL-LENGTH SKIRT FOR FORMAL OCCASIONS

By JOAN ERSKINE

THERE is more than a hint of Christmas in the air, and the feminine mind is reacting in a very normal way. One thought is uppermost—a new dress. But what is it going to be? A great many women are hesitating over the style. They are torn between the youthful, charming ballet-length, the dipping hemline, and the more sophisticated, always graceful, full-length dress.

The wide choice only adds to their difficulty, but taking a quick glance at the fashions prevailing in London at the moment, it is clear the full-length, bouffant-skirted, romantic ball dress, and the pencil-slim sophisticated dinner gown, have come back to stay.

Ballet-length is now reserved for cocktails and informal occasions, theatre-going and after-seven dates. Hardy Amies shows (see above) a perfect outfit to wear from six o'clock today till any hour tomorrow morning. The suit is in heavy moire rayon faintly shot with red, this season's "off-black" colour. The hem of both suit and jacket are decorated with velvet applique outlined with fine silk braid. When the jacket is removed a strapless dinner dress is revealed.

Three lines predominate in Molyneux's fabulous collection of evening and dinner dresses. One: the flower-line dresses in satin, tulle and velvet—wide, dipping tails worn over tight, sheathlike skirts. Two: glamorous dresses with skirts of enormous dimensions in magnificent brocades, Lyons velvet, lace-trimmed, rounded, leites and draped corsets. Three: robes de ligne of jersey in sensational colours with definitely heightened waist-line effect.

OFF-BLACKS

OFF-BLACKS, deep purples and subdued tints are taking the place of severe black this season. Hardy Amies' formal dress in stiff rayon with a tiny check and highly burnished surface, which reflects olive-green and bronze lights, is another typical example of the new trend in colour technique (at right). It is strapless, and black Lyons velvet outlining the corsege is arranged in bows, to form a slight bustle at the back, from which the material falls in cascades. This back interest accentuates the Empire Lines of the front, which fall in an unbroken line to the knee.

Molyneux adds a charming touch to a graceful cocktail dress by lining the full skirt with vivid pink tulle, and matching the outfit with long pink tulle gloves. Most of his informal dresses, too, feature a deep plunging neckline with tiny stand-up collar, cut low at the back of the neck. Many of his cocktail dresses have a Victorian touch about them. Tufted pockets, for instance, or to be technical about it—Victorian bubble-braid. Remember grandmother's curtains?

And with the informal after-seven ensemble, wear a small hat dressed up with feathers or a single flower. Delicate ospreys, or rich shining cocks-feathers sweeping down one side and outlining the profile.

Go gay for Christmas! Look demure in a fine lace stole, wistful in a draped fichu, or provocative in a tight little Victorian jacket buttoned from neck to waist. Go dancing in a wide-skirted, full length romantic ball-dress; dining in a severely classic folded gown in the newest bronze tone; to a party in a delightfully informal jacketed ensemble in one of this season's newest "off-black" colours.

FOULARD SILK

FOULARD silk, used from time immemorial for men's dressing gowns and ties, has been appraised, approved, and finally appropriated by a feminine section of the community for formal afternoon and informal evening wear. The tiny Paisley design and delightful colouring are most attractive on the soft silk, and it rather looks as if women may

soon be choosing dresses to match their husbands' ties!

A large West End fashion store recently held a mannequin parade to launch their own fashion news magazine on the public. They had saved their paper allocation for a considerable period in order to present the public with a really good first issue. They have had, too, the bright idea of confining all their departments to one floor, which eases the general strain of shopping considerably. It is now a simple matter to match up a new suit with its accessories: handbag, gloves, hat, umbrella—and is a welcome change from queuing for a lift or negotiating escalators in order to choose a new hat for a spring suit, or a spray of flowers for an evening dress.

TRAVEL SET

IN Bond Street I saw the perfect trousseau travelling set, exactly right for a honeymoon. It consisted of matching handbag; overnight bag with all the necessary bottles and jars, brush and comb; hat-box; large suit-case, and hold-all. The beauty



GLYCERINE IS A USEFUL ITEM

HERE are some more ideas and suggestions for the use of that useful household agent, glycerine, many of them contributed by readers after a similar round-up some time back.

Here is a hint for house painters, so busy at this time of year, and who know that one of their trials is that paint has a way of running and spattering in the wrong places. So it is handy to know that one can easily protect a mirror or glass panel or door, a brass outlet cover or door knob during painting by rubbing a thin film of glycerine over the area to be protected. It is easily removed with water after the paint has dried.

Rubber articles such as garden hose, mats and the like that may have become dried and brittle may often be restored to some degree of usefulness and value by the so-called "glycerine process." First, clean the article by thoroughly scrubbing it with a fairly stiff brush dipped in warm water. Continue to scrub until the article looks clean. Next, place it in a solution made up of one part of ammonia to two parts of water. Allow it to remain in this solution for an hour or two, then rinse the article with a diluted solution of about 10 percent glycerine to 90 percent water. Wipe off and dry thoroughly. This process is especially applicable for reconditioning rubber articles that have lost their elasticity because of improper storage.

A reader tells us that she has found a good way to remove stubborn fruit stains on table linen. Stretch the cloth tightly over a

bowl, cover with glycerine and then pour boiling water through from a tea kettle, holding the kettle about three feet above the cloth. And scorch spots on wool, if not too deep, can often be removed, if the scorched area is at once saturated with glycerine. Allow the glycerine to remain for about half an hour. Then sponge well or wash with warm soapy water. If the fabric is only slightly scorched, try rubbing the discoloration lightly with a piece of flannel wrung out of cold water and moistened with glycerine.

If hot dishes have left their mark on your dining room table it may help to rub the unsightly white rings with spirit of nitre, then polishing immediately after with a glycerine-dipped cloth. And for a final hint, mildew on leather may yield if a little petroleum jelly is well rubbed in, and the leather then polished thoroughly with a soft cloth on which a few drops of glycerine has been sprinkled.

TWO HOLLYWOOD WOMEN DESIGNERS

By PATRICIA CLARY

ALTHOUGH her name won't appear on the designers' annual lists, the American woman who makes her own clothes can be the best-dressed in the country.

Movie fashion designer, Mary Willis says the world's most charming ensembles are created, not in Paris salons, but on the sewing machines of a million homes. "The dresses that American women are making today," Miss Willis said, "are prettier, more practical and in better taste than many of the expensive clothes a small coterie of stilted stylists try to force on them. Home-made now is a mark of smart distinction."

Miss Willis, who is one of the few fashion designers to hold a Master of Arts degree (from Yale) and who has turned down teaching offers at Stanford and Harvard, makes most of her own clothes and always has.

One of her most successful creations was her college graduation formal. She made it from sugar sacks she had dyed and printed herself.

Now Miss Willis is under exclusive contract to producer Sam Goldwyn, for whom she designed the elaborate period gowns Teresa Wright had Jayne Meadows wear in "Enchantment."

Because of the soaring cost of living, Miss Willis said, more than twice as many women are making their own clothes today as they did before the war. "They are quickly discovering that they can dress themselves more attractively and sensibly than can some stranger in a drafting room on the other side of the ocean," she said. "The few eccentric designers who still wage their bitter war of hemlines and shoulder pads are driving more women back to their sewing machines every day. And these sewing machines are producing really authentic and wearable fashions."

Since it's the designers who make up the best-dressed lists, the women who don't buy their clothes don't get picked. Miss Willis says this shouldn't concern them.

"The really best-dressed women may never have appeared among the top 10," she said. "Quite possibly they live in small towns, and very likely they make their own clothes."

Marjorie Best

The other designer, Marjorie Best, is the only woman in town who can tell a man to wear purple tights and make him like it.

Most women battle their husbands to get them to buy a new suit. Miss Best not only sees that the movie stars get new suits; she designs the suits they get.

And if the coat wrinkles across the shoulders or bags in the seat of the pants, Miss Best is the lady with the mouthful of pins who spruces things up.

Miss Best, who used to work for a costume company, started dressing movie stars when she outfitted Sydney Greenstreet and Paul Henreid for "Devotion." Since then she's put pants and shirts on most of the Warner's male star list, including Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, William Powell and Errol Flynn.

"I was scared to death," Miss Best confessed, "when Mr. Powell came to be fitted for 'Life With Father.' But he was a lamb. Not at all like 'Father.'"

Long-haired Felts



HUGH Beresford of London, whose "Town and Country" hats are mass produced but hand finished, has brought out a new long-haired millinery felt made from marabou and goose down, which he called "Melucine." It was introduced on this page a few weeks ago. Now here is another sketch showing how elegant it can look when worn straight on the head, veiled, and balanced with two fluffy feather poms. Wear with your classic tailleur.



Another model: a very pale pink felt with a flourish of dark brown pheasant feathers.

PHOTO MURALS TO DECORATE A HOME

By ELEANOR ROSS

SOME of the prettiest items for the home that we've looked at recently, are those that have been developed not for the luxury trade, but for moderate-budget homes, which is a very happy state of affairs. It's a wise manufacturer who works along these lines, too, since obviously there are many more plain folks than there are in the champagne and caviar group.

It wasn't so long ago that a room decorated with photo murals was distinctly upper bracket. But now what do we find but beautiful wallpapers, photographic wallpapers, available in strips like large scenic papers.

Selected With Care

Photographs suitable in subject and size for walls in average-size rooms have been selected with care. Because the views are printed on wallpaper instead of developed on heavy photographic paper, the costs have been materially reduced. They are done in soft sepia on white or

yellow and in a subdued purple-toned red on either white or yellow.

Leading off the group is a dramatic view of Manhattan from Governor's Island, a handsome affair that would be wonderful for a library or a man's sitting room or study. A charming choice for a dining room might well be a pleasant New England landscape with tiny buildings nestled in the hills, done in sepia or yellow. Suitable, too, for the dining room and equally nice for a bedroom is a photomural of blooming magnolia trees in the sunlight. The whole composition is so artistic, so restful, yet so stimulating that it would just about make a room.

A vertical design of tall birch trees may be reversed in the second panel for use in pairs on the opposite sides of a doorway.

Another handsome vertical paper shows a group of birch trees silhouetted against a "beautifol" in soft sepia and white. Then there is a horizontal strip of a birch grove that is really handsome. One wall in photomural paper adds a wonderfully spacious look to even a quite small room and bestows a luxury look, too.

Not at all in the luxury class but nicely handled as luxurious necessities is a new offering of storage aids for the home. It is splendid to see so much artistic effort put into moderately priced home aids of this type.

Smart Chests

Chests of drawers made of fibre-board, while useful, generally are relegated to the closet or attic, for holding out of season clothing, or storing accessories. But the new group is so handsome that these chests are smart enough to take their place in any bedroom scheme. A complete group of storage pieces and closet accessories have been designed in a beautiful soft quilted fabric that cleans easily. Wood drawer pulls and frames of wardrobe door panels are painted to match the green, rose or light blue of the group colours. Two narrow, five-drawer chests, the top drawers made shallow for cosmetics or jewellery, become a charming dressing table when topped by a glass or plastic-covered board.

The chests come in widths that range from a shoe cabinet width to nineteen inches. Also available is a handsome and most responsive set of storage accessories for the nursery and a child's bedroom, a group that comprises chest, wardrobe and small storage pieces.

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That Old Dislike Of Soap And Water ...

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE child from 6 or 7 to 12 or so may not find soap and water among his favourites. Boys more often than girls chew those useful things.

The mother, very familiar with the child's proclivity to skip the reasonable use of soap and water, inclines to take the sole responsibility of tidying up his face and adjoining areas before he goes to school. She can be sure he is clean when she washes him. Think of all the dirty necks washed by mothers every school morning,

literally millions of them. And all those necks belong to children who could wash their own dirty necks. They are old enough in years but not in responsibility.

Some mothers, feeling sure the boy or girl as old as 7, 10 or 12 should be able to wash himself, in preparation for school, try to get him or her to do so. Usually the child's spirit is willing but his washing is weak. With some patient suggestion and perseverance she may get the child to turn himself out fairly clean. But he soon may lapse in his efforts, or his standards. Shocked and vexed at his backsliding, the mother may angrily go at the washing herself, rubbing a good deal more roughly than necessary.

Sometimes the mother will stand close by the child, telling him now to wash again behind the ears, now to use more soap and wash his neck better, now to scrub his hands again and so on. All suggestions add to the youngster's ire. At last he rushes off chock full of rage. Next morning the same scene may occur.

A PROGRAMME

MAINLY ABOUT MOULD & MILDEW

PERHAPS these suggestions will help you to deal with the mildew problems.

Rub leather-covered furniture with a piece of flannel dipped in vaseline. Expose freely to sunlight. If you find that your leather-bound books are mildewed, rub with a flannel dipped in oil of lavender.

Stir a teaspoonful of ammonia into half a pint of boiling water. Dip a rag into this when it is cool enough and rub the mould off. Wipe dry, and then polish in the usual way with furniture polish.

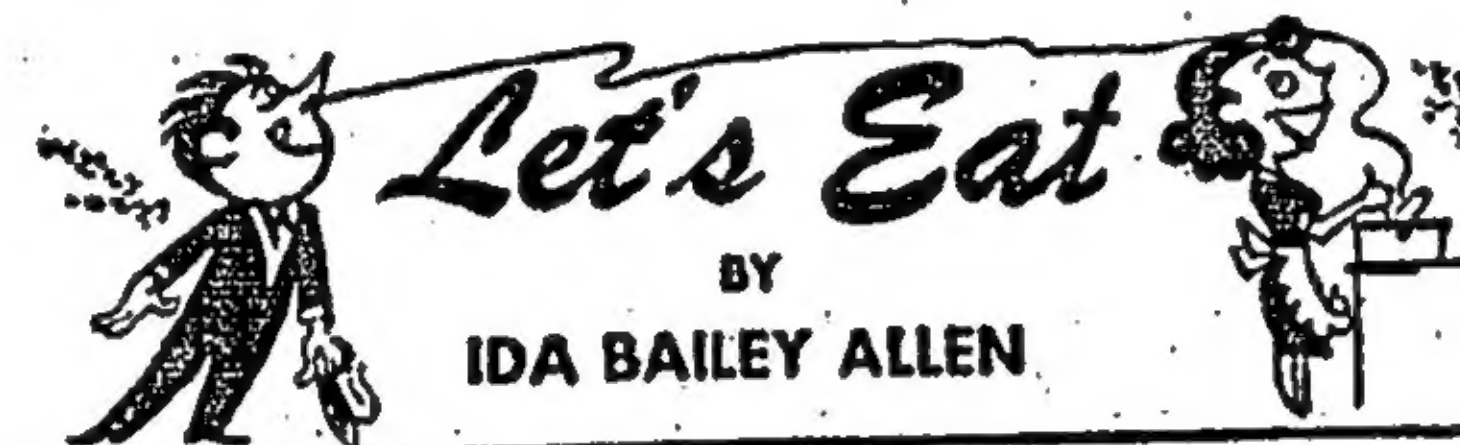
Moisten the stains with water and then cover with cream of tartar which you can buy at the chemist or grocers. Lay the garment in the sun with the stained parts exposed. Sprinkle water over the stains until the stains are bleached. Rinse well in cold water, then in warm water and dry.

To wash wicker furniture, add one tablespoon of household ammonia to one quart warm water and scrub with a brush. Rinse with a cloth wrung out of clear lukewarm water. If you wish to paint the furniture after washing, the most satisfactory way is to use a brush. If you use a brush, apply a good quality, quick drying enamel which has been thinned slightly with turpentine.

The One Mother Used To Wear



Marie Denham compares a corset made in 1874 with one made 200,000,000 girdles later. Grandmother's corset had an 18-inch waist.



A "Different" Snack Try Pickled Eggs With Crackers

LET'S get a hot dog at one of these roadside stands," I suggested when we were travelling in the Province of Quebec. "Do you serve hot dogs?" the Chef asked the waitress in French. "Chien chaudière? The hot dog? You mean you want for eating?" she exclaimed in utter amazement. The crowd roared.

The Chef turned to me with a helpless gesture. "You see they do not even know what is a hot dog." "Have they any sandwiches?" "No madame, they do not serve sandwiches."

"Well what do they have?" I laughed. "They have all sorts of soft drinks, candy, apples, bananas, oranges and pickled eggs."

"Pickled eggs?" I exclaimed. "There they are in that big glass jar," said the Chef. "They are shelled and floating in vinegar. Let's try them."

The girl fished down in the jar with a large spoon and brought out two eggs for each of us. We ate them on soda crackers with a little salt. They tasted really good.

Many homes in the village were serving feast day food. Habitant pea soup; roast turkey or chicken pate or pork pie; a small salad and invariably canned vegetable macedoine. For dessert there were slices of home-made cake spread with home-made strawberry jam and topped with whipped cream. Others were serving simpler foods that were inside the budget. Here is a meal we enjoyed.

Dinner

Onion Soup on Toasted Croutons
Bacon and Cheese Pie
Finky Potatoes
String Beans
Pickled Egg and Beet Salad
Upside-Down Apple Pudding
Fruit Sauce
Coffee or Tea (Children)
All Measurements Are Level.
Recipes Serve Four.

Bacon and Cheese Pie

Chop enough fresh, tinned or dried cooked mushrooms to make ½ c. Cut enough lean bacon in thin small strips to make ½ c., then fry until crisp. Combine the mushrooms and bacon with ¾ c. grated sharp American cheese, ½ tsp. minced onion, ¼ tsp. salt, and ½ tsp. pepper. Line a pie plate with plain piecrust dough and spread in the mushroom-bacon-cheese mixture. Beat 3 eggs light; add 1 pt. milk; mix thoroughly and pour over the ingredients. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 350 to 375 F. for 30 min., or until firm in the centre and light brown on top.

Pickled Egg And Beet Salad

The Pickled Eggs: Hard-cook eggs by placing in cold water, to cover, bring to boiling point and boil 10 min. Cool at once in cold water. Peel off the shells, place in a jar, cover with white vinegar and refrigerate at least 6 hrs.

The Salad: Season sliced cooked beets with French dressing. Arrange in a circle on a bed of shredded lettuce. In the centre place half a pickled egg, white side up, and top with a little minced parsley or green pepper.

Upside-Down Apple Pudding
Wash, pare, core and slice enough cooking apples to make 1 qt. Mix with 1 c. sugar, ½ tsp. cloves, ½ tsp. salt and 1 tb. soft butter or margarine cut in bits. Place in a well-oiled 3 pt. casserole. Pour over 1 c. boiling water, cover, and bake 20 min. in a hot oven, 425 F. Then sit a rich biscuit crust over the top and bake 25 min. longer. Cool slightly. Carefully turn upside down on a deep, round platter. Serve with fruit sauce or fluffy hard sauce.

Fruit Sauce
An excellent fruit sauce may be made from the apple peelings and cores left from making upside-down apple pie. Place in a sauce pan with ½ c. sugar, 1 pt. water, ½ tsp. salt, the grated rind ½ lemon and ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Boil 25 min., and rub through a sieve. Then add 2 tb. cornstarch stirred smooth with 2 tb. cold water. Simmer 3 min. Add ½ tsp. butter or margarine and serve hot.

Trick Of The Chef
To make pickled eggs, of pink colour, which some ladies like, let the shelled, hard-cooked eggs stand six hours in vinegar from pickled beets.

Here are some cooking hints from the home economics experts at the Department of Agriculture: Immature green tomatoes won't ripen and are likely to rot if kept too long. It's best to pickle or cook them soon after picking.

Add small bits of cheese to potato salad for added nourishment and flavour.

Sheets get mighty tough

HOW many times can you have a linen sheet laundered before it is worn out? Only 70 times, say the Americans.

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Clean Hair Looks Smart



After a good shampoo, hair is easy to arrange in a trim coiffure like the one pictured above.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO matter what kind of a hairdo a girl wears, one beauty rule is necessary. The glorious crown must have frequent brushings, it must be shampooed—often, and the scalp massaged and kept in an immaculate state. You can't have style without sheen. If the hair is neglected it has a sad look as if the shafts were only half-alive. It doesn't stay put. When one tries to arrange it, it has tantrums. Brush it well every night and you will see how nicely it will behave. For this, a spiral brush is excellent. Use it with a rotary motion and a twist of the wrist.

One is all too likely to place the blame on the permanent when the head looks messy, or fancy that the shampoo medium is too drying. All the poor, frizzy heads, is a little patting and loving care. If the growth is healthy and well kept

almost any hairdo will look neat, be smart.

The trend, of course, is towards simpler coiffure arrangements. That's good news to the busy lassies who have little spare time. Cluttered curl effects are definitely out, as are the frizz tops.

Preferably, especially for young women, hair should be fairly short, three or maybe four inches. But if the longer bob is worn, an attempt should be made to comb it into an arrangement that avoids heaviness at the shoulders.

With tresses smooth and shining bright, forehead arrangements are coming into fashion. You can have soft bangs with a single wave line, or the ends turned under. Or you can form a forward moving wave line that dips over so slightly.



PICTURED at the reception given last week at the Club Lusitano on the occasion of the national day of the Panama Republic are (from left) Mr. Eulalio Carrera Loo, Consul for Panama, HE the Governor, Mr. T. W. Kwok, Mrs. Loo and Sir Robert Ho Tung. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



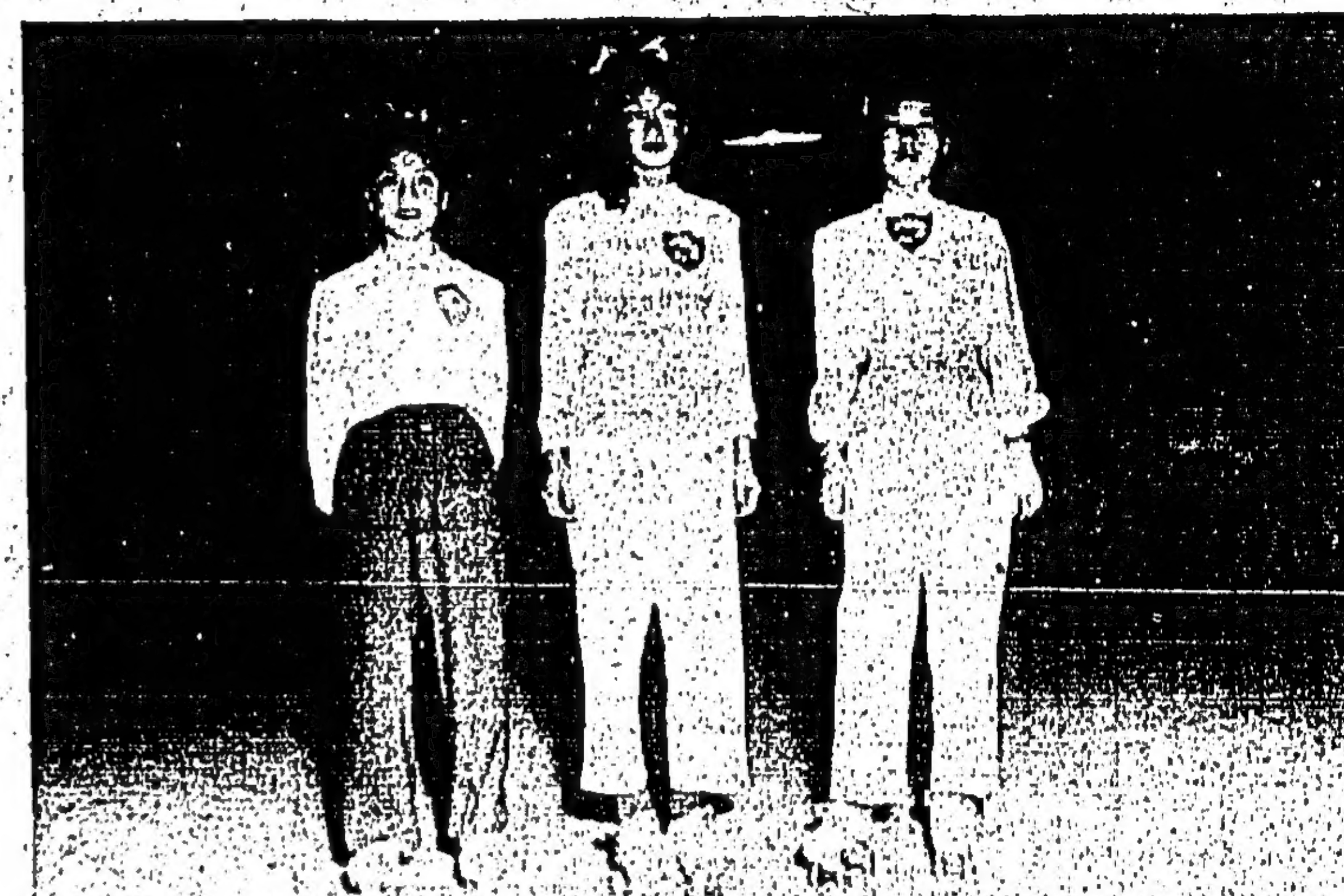
THE Kowloon contingent of the St John Ambulance Brigade was inspected last Sunday by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. I. B. Trevor. The various Divisions took part in a first-aid competition, which was won by the Kwong Wah Division (above right). The Kowloon Nursing Division won second place. (Golden Studio)



INDIAN residents celebrated their New Year last week by holding a big dinner party at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. J. A. Thivy, special representative of the Government of India, is seen at extreme left in picture above. Another party is shown on the right. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



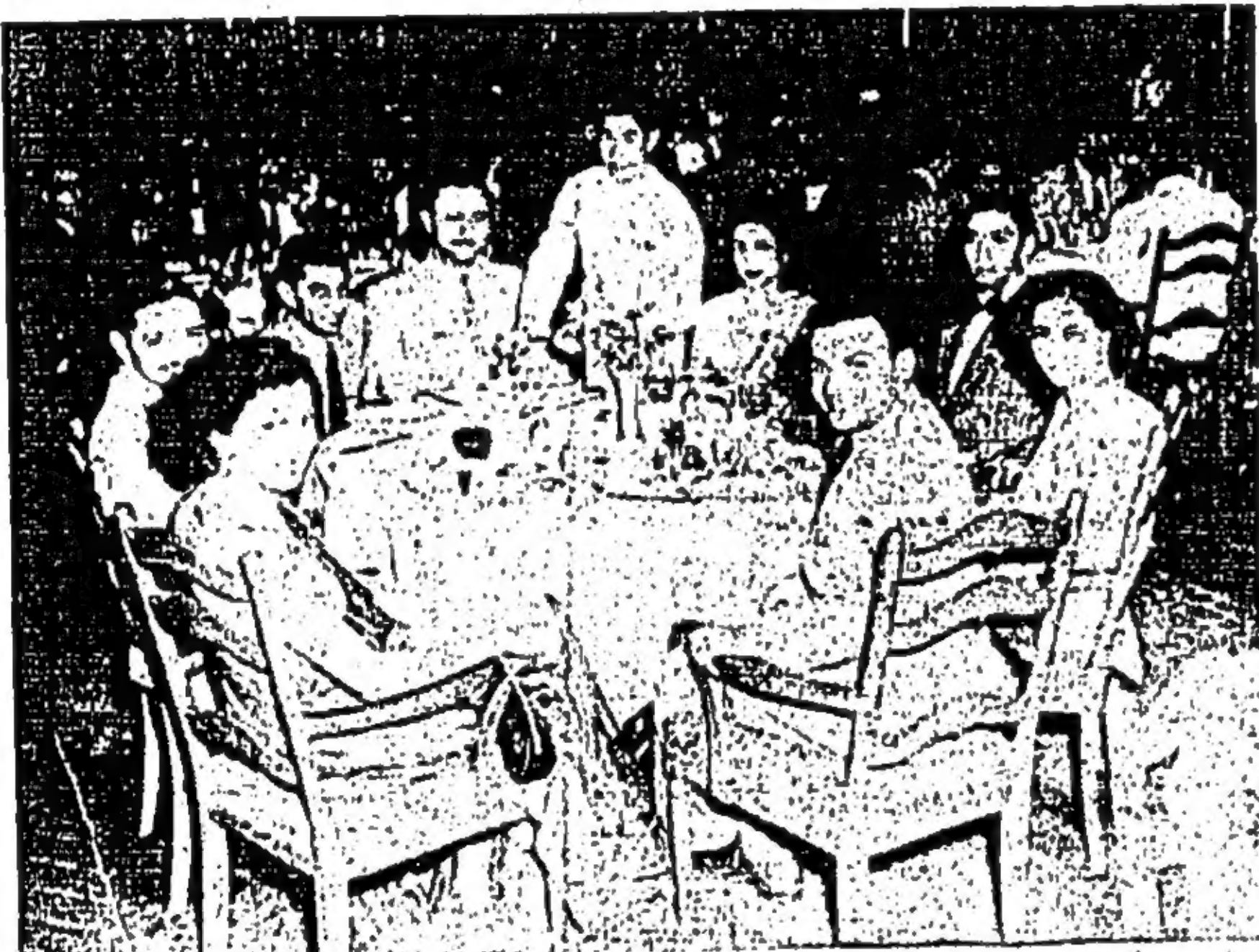
MR. I. B. Trevor, Assistant Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, watching a demonstration at the first aid competition in Kowloon last Sunday. (Golden Studio)



SUCCESSFUL competitors at last week's roller skating championships held at East Point. Right to left: Miss Woo Pik-wan, who won first prize, Miss Ng Yuk-ping, who was third, and Miss Lum Ka-yee, who came in second. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE 19th Kowloon Pack, who won the Wolf Cubs' shield at the Boy Scouts' swimming sports last Saturday. Right: the 1st Hongkong Sea Scouts, who won the Inter-Troop Shield. (Golden Studio and Ming Yuen)



PROFESSOR Harry Oro and those of his pupils who took part in the annual pupils' piano-forte concert, given at St Paul's College. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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LILY MARLENE, ridden by Mr. Peter Young, romped home first in the Lamma Handicap, second section, at the Valley last Saturday to pay the highest dividend of the day. The pony is here led in after its victory by Messrs. A. E. M. Rafick and E. Manning. (Golden Studio)

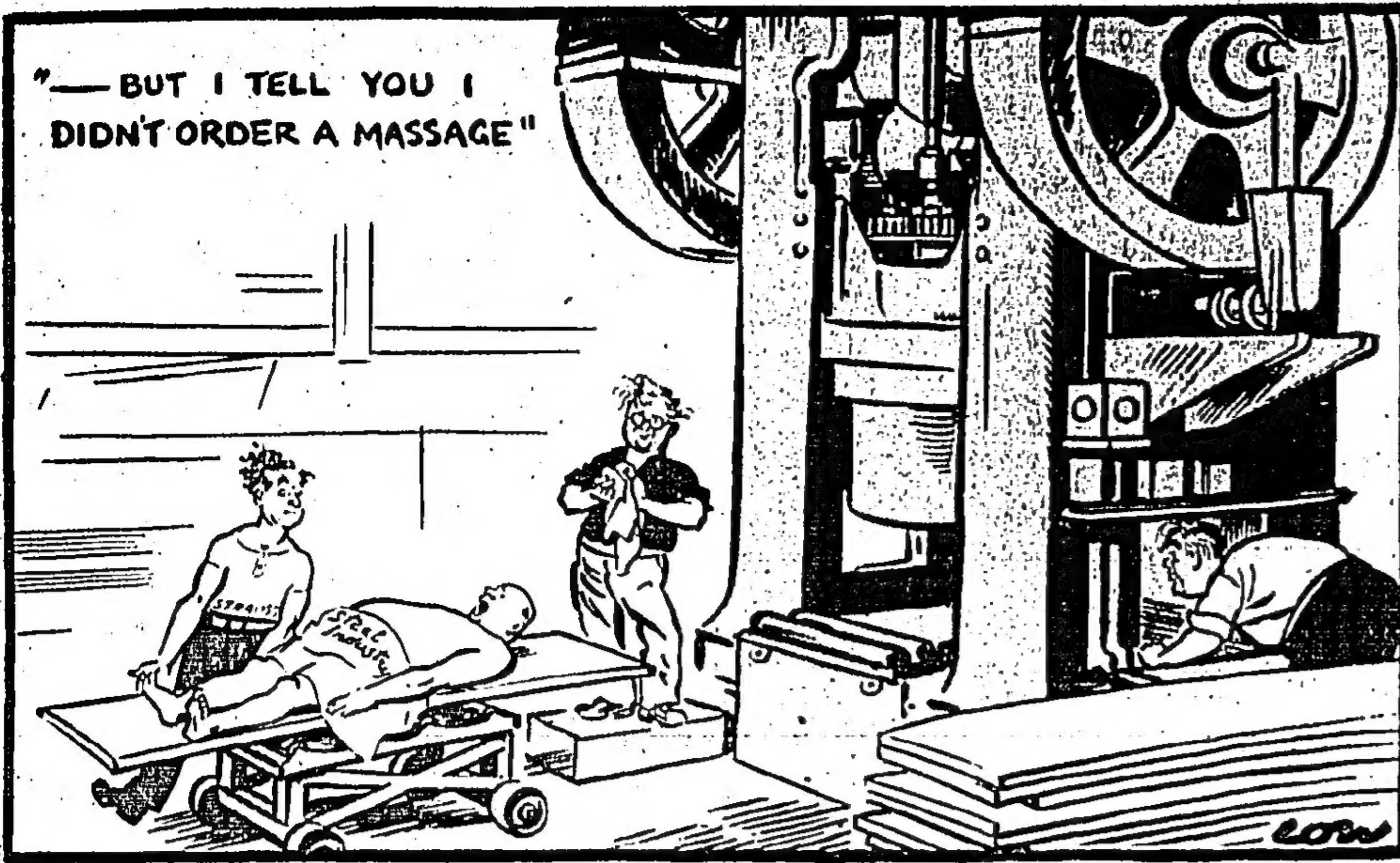
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Is there a cure for the good-time girl?

THE anthropological approach to our fellow creatures produces fascinating and disconcerting results. Mr Geoffrey Gorer has recently turned a trained, dispassionate eye on the Americans, and now Miss Pearl Jephcott, whose experience with her subject is both sympathetic and profound, has analysed and dissected the working-class girl of the present time.

They are important, these girls. They are now between 18 and 20, and will soon be the mothers of a new generation. Soon, too, they will have (and possibly even use) a vote.

The entire cinema industry and a great deal of commercial advertising is aimed at their elaborately coiffured heads. They are the girls who fill our factories, serve behind our counters, occupy half the cinema seats, support the dance halls and ice rinks, and contribute a substantial share to the profits of the cigarette industry.

'Sub-Human'

WHAT, by Miss Jephcott's careful and understanding estimate, are they like?

The answer, at first hearing, is so depressing to anyone who sets store by such things as popular education, that many people will perhaps find it easy to toss the book aside with an "Oh, it's hopeless!"

"The modern girl—God help us," was one comment offered me by an intelligent man who had read the book. "And yet they have the vote!"

Both clearly felt that the working-class girl, lost in her film-struck ignorance and her sexy daydreams, was for all practical purposes sub-human.

It was depressing, and there was nothing to be done. Depressing it is indeed. That there is nothing to be done I cannot quite agree; but first let us examine Miss Jephcott's findings, based on her study (pursued over two years) of 103 ordinary girls in three different working-class environments—an industrial town, a mining village and a Central London area.

The girls, she finds, are almost completely ignorant of, and indifferent to, everything that is going on in the world outside their personal circle.

Their dominating, almost their sole interests between the ages of 14 and 20 are their personal appearance, boys, and money. They are almost always bored with their work, whatever it is, regarding a job only as a distasteful interlude between leaving school and getting married.

The only thing in favour of any job is the money it pays, and therefore the type of work is a matter of indifference.

Cinema First

A CAREER is never thought of, naturally, since every girl means to give up her job on marriage. Even, nursing, for which many of them would have a natural aptitude, is rarely considered, since they think it ludicrous to enter on a three-year period of training as late as 18, and, besides, it would take up valuable time which could be spent in courting.

Domestic service is regarded with almost obsessive abhorrence, since the girls have no interest in the domestic arts and regard it as essential to happiness to be at the cinema or out with boys at least six nights a week.

Nothing that can be even roughly classed as "educational" has the faintest attraction for them. Even the newsworld at the cinema is the accepted time for sitting back and chatting with your friends.

* Rising Twenty: Notes on Some Ordinary Girls. By Pearl Jephcott. (Faber and Faber, 6s. 6d.)

Evening classes do not tempt them, youth organisations and clubs leave them cold because they do not provide the one essential—opportunity for meeting, not boys of their own age, but new and older men.

The dance hall, the ice rink, the public-house and the street, provide these encounters, and it is futile for well-meaning organisations to compete with them.

The favourite recreation is, of course, the cinema, and it is here that the girls form their standards and receive their adult education. Most of them have gone regularly, several times a week, since they were children, and live nights a week at the pictures is not uncommon.

A few of the girls read, some voraciously. Their "books" are, without exception, love romances from the twopenny shop-libraries, and beauty and film magazines. They are addicted to the radio, and like, to have it on, usually very loudly, all day long, at home or at work, though they listen consciously only to the dance music.

50 A Day

MANY of the girls smoke heavily, some as many as 50 cigarettes a day by the time they are 17. Cigarettes, cosmetics and the cinema absorb most of their spending money, and one of their countless advantages of having a "steady boy" from the earliest possible age is that he pays for so much.

Drink is a problem for some of the girls, on which they apparently get little help from older people. Many of their "boys" drink and smoke too much, and it is now an accepted thing for girls of 18 and younger to go to public-houses.

Sexual experience before marriage is the rule rather than the exception—a piece of data which Miss Jephcott sensibly does not stress. Many of them are married by 18, and very few remain unmarried past the early twenties.

Like the females of primitive tribes, they are never in doubt about their function in life, and are so feverishly bent, from the age of puberty on achieving marriage, that they will accept the least promising of husbands—unemployables, drunkards, even—rather than not marry.

As in primitive societies, to see the unmarried woman is grotesque.

Face Value

THE educationist, the do-gooder, the feminist, the believer in progress; rich meat for all their cynical opponents. Bitter, that is, for the one and rich for the other so long as the data are taken only at their face value, and provided the reader does not, like Miss Jephcott, probe into the life and without prejudice below the surface.

For there are some very odd things about these working-class girls with their cinema-going and chain-smoking, their stylised and terrifying hair-dos, their ignorance and apathy, their boy-mad behaviour.

A family of ten people, including a young couple and children, living in four rooms, is not unusual. Homes with no sink, no gas, no indoor lavatory, and no garden are quite common. Overcrowding is the rule and privacy unknown.

Many young wives, faced with these almost hopeless odds, fail to make a clean and tolerable home, but many, almost miraculously, succeed.

One Aim

INDEED, the more one learns of the married lives of these girls' mothers, the more extraordinary does it seem that the girls themselves should be so single-mindedly, so feverishly bent on early marriage.

The answer is, I suppose, that by tradition and by circumstances they have no alternative. Marriage is the end of freedom and leisure and adventure, but not to marry early is to fail in life.

That being so, it is logical for the girls to explore the widest choice of men available to them in the time at their disposal, and the places where they will meet the greatest number of prospective husbands are not the evening institute and the youth club, but the public-house, the dance hall and the street.

How can they be interested in any job when their greatest ambition is to leave it as early as possible? How, in any case, be interested in the boring routine, unskilled work which is almost all that is open to these girls? The boring routine work has to be done, perhaps it is no bad thing to have it performed by cheap, unskilled, transient female labour, but to expect the girls to be interested in it is hypocrisy.

A boy at the same social level has at least one strong inducement to self-improvement: he expects to earn his living for the rest of his life, and to raise one's level is usually to raise one's wages. The girl has no such inducement, since she is destined to a lifetime of work in the one essential job which pays no wages.

The four or six years of life, then, which Miss Jephcott's survey covers are a brief, moth-like period of freedom and emotional adventure—all these girls will never know of the romantic and passionate existence which Hollywood and their two-penny love-books have misled them to expect.

Married life will not be like that; particularly married life as they will know it, straitened by poverty and that ever-crowding and lack of privacy which inevitably

Private lives of 103 "ordinary girls" in city town and village came under the eye of the investigator in a two-year survey of Britain's teen-agers. The facts now made public about the British Working Girl, 1948, form a disturbing and challenging document. It is analysed here by

Margaret Lane

rule out the physical relationship as a lasting source of well-being and happiness. So they flutter, irresponsible as moths, and, while the moth-life lasts, are as ignorant and as fearless. The valuable, the truly important thing about Miss Jephcott's research is that it is almost impossible to read her book without arriving at her attitude of understanding. The condemning attitude, the "modern-girl-God-help-us" position, emerges as a kind of hostility, a failing in human imagination. A refusing to condemn, however, is not the same as accepting a situation as either good or inevitable. Is it possible to help these girls to grow up, to make them less ignorant and dull, to put them into the way of better lives?

The Film Drug

MY own conclusions, hasty and superficial though they may be, tell me that it is useless to tamper with the present generation that is "rising 20"; almost useless to tamper with the next, now briefly confined to school; and that we must start our sapping and mining much deeper down.

At the housing level, for instance, until homes without adequate space and privacy are unknown, in the public houses, which could easily be better meeting grounds for youth than they are. In the cinema, which is the ONLY channel through which these girls are prepared to receive an idea, and which at present distorts and deforms them with ceaseless overstimulation, like a drug which would curiously benefit, and, instead, degrades.

'Where are we going?' asks South Africa

THERE is a curious atmosphere of suspended animation throughout South Africa, as though people are waiting for some expected blow to fall.

I have tried to analyse this, and I think it is the result of the threat of "calamity and woe" which we were assured would follow immediately Dr. Malan and his Cabinet Ministers took their seats on the Government benches.

So far all has been surprisingly quiet. The fiery, bitter, bad-tempered Dr. Malan has vanished. In his place is a stout well-dressed, moderate statesman debating calmly, reasonably, and sometimes brilliantly.

Well liked

His Ministers are well liked in the Lobby. They get around opening art shows, addressing cultural bodies modestly and without heat. Their attitude is unexpected and surprisingly quietening. Yet the air of suspense remains.

Many of the new Government's pet theories have undergone drastic modification.

Take the Nationalists' pre-election policy of complete segregation—the separation of the whites and the blacks, the browned and the yellowed. The Government now knows what everyone else apparently knew long ago: it won't work.

The relegation to the reserves of the Africans would deprive vital industries and farms of cheap labour.

It is apparent that official policy today is the retention as permanent residents in European areas of vast numbers of detribalised Africans. But though the Africans will remain in close contact with the white palaces, they will have no franchise whatever, and the implications are so loaded with political dynamite that many Europeans are apprehensive for the future.

C.V.R. THOMPSON REPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE

To ban or not to ban

NEW YORK. THE ban on "Oliver Twist," inspired by New York's Zionists, has suddenly become a hot topic in the correspondence columns of the U.S. newspapers and news magazines. Readers are writing in to protest against what they call the censorship of the classics. Their line is that if the Jews resent Fagin, why should not the English resent Bill Sikes, that if "Oliver Twist" is anti-Semitic, then Shakespeare's "Henry V." is anti-French, and the play "Little Black Sambo" is anti-Negro.

A typical letter: "I bitterly resent that pressure groups should have successfully committed a breach of democratic process in depriving me and many millions of others of our right to see the film."

ADVERTISEMENTS for British-made shoes appearing in New York's newspapers today call them "handsome as a Coldstream colonel, agile as a Bengal Lancer, and ageless as his Majesty's throne."

YOU CAN GO TO GAOL in America now if you refuse to tell the courts whether or not your friend is a Communist. The California courts sent ten witnesses, including two mothers, to gaol for refusing to answer questions about some Government employees suspected of Red sympathies. They will stay there until they decide to talk.

FOR THE BENEFIT of American reporters Sir Osbert Sitwell described Britain's austerity life thus: "By and large, I find it no more uncomfortable than life in a British public school. Once you're through that, life no matter what it brings, is one long holiday."

IN BOSTON the other day police raided a house next door to a spot revered in American history—the stable from which Paul Revere borrowed a horse for his legendary midnight ride to warn that the British were coming to fight the American rebels. Police arrested six bookies in possession of more than 100 slips recording bets on less glamorous horses.

GOVERNMENT public Relations Officers will try to persuade Americans to plurge on nut breads, nut pies, nut biscuits and nutty sweets this winter. Reason: the biggest nut harvest in U.S. history.

SO MANY AMERICANS have become accustomed to eating margarine ever since butter began costing 5s. a lb. that there is now a glut of butter. Today dairies began a nation-wide advertising campaign with such slogans as: "Butter's your best buy in years," "It's better with butter," "Butter is America's symbol of good living." Butter price now: 3s. 3½d.

QUOTES: "The time has come for Americans to think something good about themselves."—Ex-President Herbert Hoover. "I am convinced that the majority of American business men are law-abiding citizens."—Senator Homer Capehart. "Just once I would like to see Tom Dewey with his hair rumpled, a gray stain on his vest, and that synthetic smile wiped off his face."—Tallulah Bankhead.

BUSINESS. A Washington builder reported so much buyer resistance to expensive new housing (\$24,000 for six rooms) that he is equipping the garages of all his new house with a new car valued at £500.

HOME: American mothers can now buy a plastic throwaway bottle for their babies which, says the manufacturer, saves work for the mother.

'Where are we going?' asks South Africa

Is yet another idea which seems in danger of foundering. Although the Government has warned prospective settlers that unless they comply with screening arrangements they may be refused admittance, all British citizens have a legal right of entry to the Union and need no permit to remain.

No complaints

Those Britons who have arrived have no complaints. They are by no means unheard, for they state their views freely on any subject in the daily Press, and their sense of nationality remains strong and unswayed a trifle defiant.

The country is quiet, if expectant, and as far as I can judge not discontented. Smuts has warned that the Government's intention to amend the Act of Union, and to remove every degree of franchise from the non-whites, will alienate South Africa from the rest of the world.

But, as the new Government's revolutionary theories are modified under parliamentary pressure, the public as yet sees no cause to get properly alarmed. As I see it, the testing time is not yet. Undoubtedly the Nationalists are heading for a republic, but there is no hurry.

Union prosperous

The Union is prosperous; it can pay its way; food is plentiful; crops are excellent, and for the Nationalists power is sweet. Smuts has said he believes the Government will go to the country shortly—maybe early next year—to try to increase its majority. I believe that, with the moderate example set thus far by the present Government before them, the electorate will give them an increased majority.

Only then, in my view, will the Nationalist machine be geared for an all-out return to the halcyon ideal of the Boer Republic of Paul Kruger's day.

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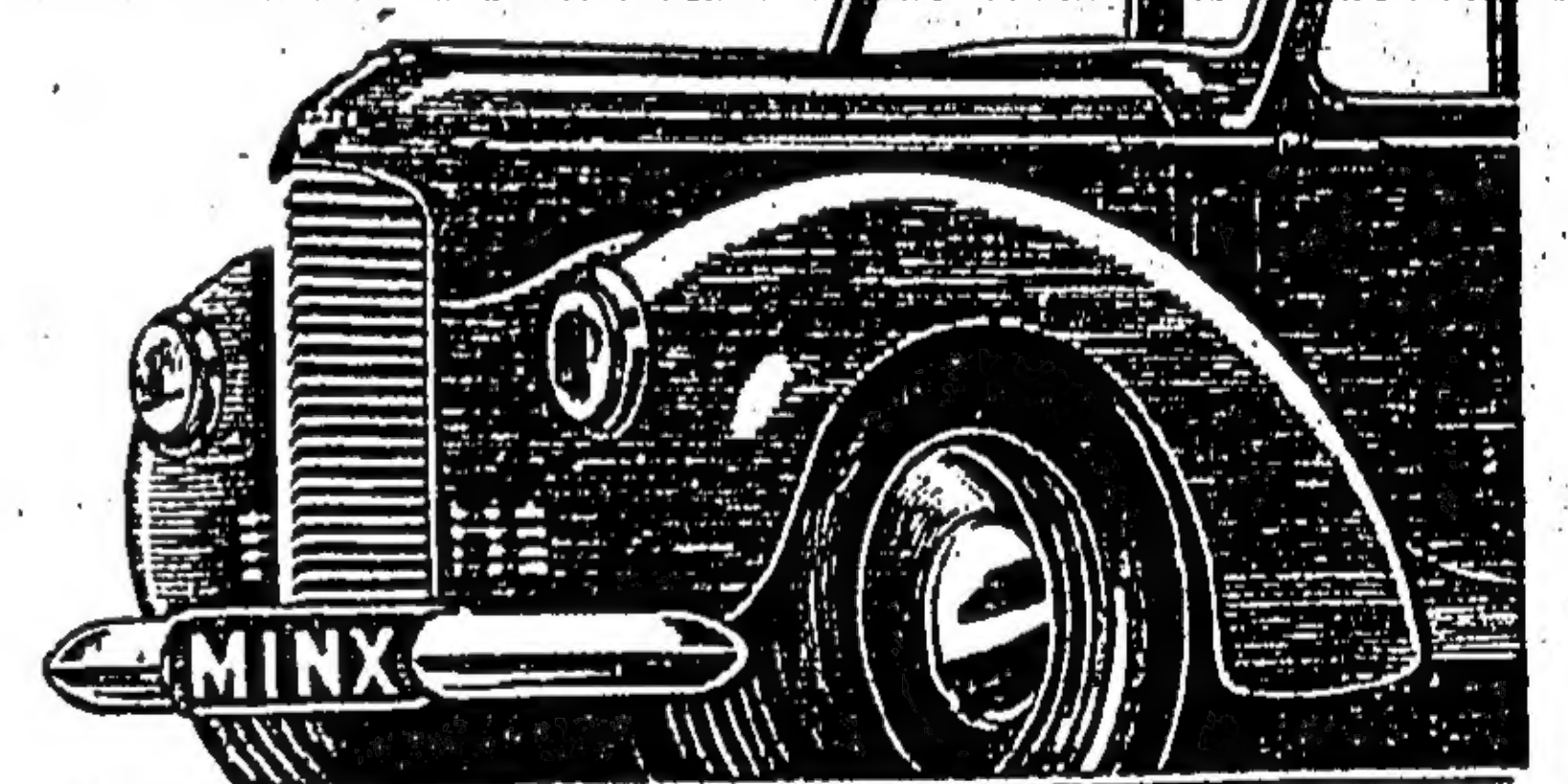


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SOFTBALL CHATTER

By "Spectator"

THE WOMEN TAKE OVER IN TOMORROW'S BIG MATCH

Close fighting subsides somewhat in the men's leagues as the women take over this week-end. The drawing card is the battle for supremacy between the two top squads in the feminine section. Last season's champions, the Wahoons, are to scrap it out with runners-up Wildcats at 2 p.m. tomorrow at King's Park.

This "double feature" attraction should develop into a hot struggle. In spite of the wearing of seats of trousers, having to sit on rocks and whatelse, going out to the ball-park will still be worth it because the beautiful femmes will almost certainly give an eye-filling exhibition.

By the way, the Association says an answer is still being awaited from the Grounds Allocation Committee as to allocation of a ground where a stand could be erected for spectators which goes a long way towards putting softball on the footing it deserves. Meanwhile, enthusiasts will have to grin and bear it. But, really, must they?

THE LINE-UP

The girls expected to be on view are:

Wahoon—Terry Noronhi, Patsy Ribbello, Hilda Soares, Theresa Baptista, Gilly Mendes, Theresa Remedios, Joao Castilho, Edith Xavier, Yolie Remedios, Elsie Thompson, Bernadine Remedios and Ramona Xavier. (Handling these girls will be firebrand Harold Winglee, the St. Joseph's coach-player.)

Wildcats—Dolly Brown, Effie Dabidin, Peggy Barros, Thelma Watson, Alex Mendonca, Helen Ribbello, Nana Carvalho, Marie Figueredo, Barbara Keates, Joyce Guest and Thelma Collaco. (Coach for this team is Madcap Manager Buster Hollands, the "radio celebrity.")

The strength of the opposing forces in all departments of the game appears even. Better co-ordination, under able leadership should come out triumphant. Much may depend on Hollands and Winglee. They will have to outwit each other: that is a "bottle" in itself.

Of the other tilts to be decided the only unbeaten squad, the Canadians, should continue on top with an easy passage against the lowly-placed Filipinas. The fighting Khalsas will enter the field with an eye to another upset, but will probably be disappointed.

They do not appear to stand much chance against the twice-humiliated mighty Saints, the title-holders. It will be remembered that St. Joseph's started with two losses too last season but ended up supreme.

There is still plenty of fight in the "strong man" outfit. They went down, yes, but are far from out.

The Junior League has its attraction in the tussle between St. Samy's Rexes and the so-far unconquerable Braves.

The Samyans have been disappointingly unsuccessful, but may have by now got out of the dumps and they may spring a surprise.

This should be an interesting encounter. All dangerous opposition has been moved down by the Braves in this first round and the Rexes may be considered the last menace.

DOWN AGAIN

The stock of the slugging Saints came tumbling down. They lost again last Sunday after an extra inning, this time to the powerful pennant-chasing Canadians.

The Canadians were leading 6-5 as the final stanza of the game started. Here an intended Saint "stratagem" backfired. It was a surprising move when pitcher Jack Brown was pulled off the mound and Oily Omar substituted.

Jack was hurling heady ball. He had already slammed two hits in two trips. Omar worked for and got a free ticket. Young Kar-sing chased him home to tie the score after the latter had pilfered second.

A wild throw gave the Saints the lead in the crucial stage. That stratagem was clicking—so far.

The Canucks went for their last turn. The Collegians gave Sherry Bucks the "dirty job". He suddenly was called to take Brown's place. Sherry did not even have chance to warm up. He allowed a most untimely walk which incidentally resulted in the tying tally.

A. H. "Big Boy" Bakar delivered the goods, pushing Junior Markar across the platter for the equaliser. No damage done yet, the stratagem was still clicking.

The eighth frame was on. Dave Leonard singled. He reached third with able assistance and on his own steam. A ball was hit along the third base line. Dave was out of his base, interfering with the fielding, some thought.

Others were of the opinion he didn't and that George White fumbled the ball and it resulted in a block. Chief Umpire Doc Molitor ruled it that way. Dave scored. It certainly did look like winning run—then, though it was controversial. That stratagem was clicking its loudest—at that moment.

But—bang!—it backfired and here was how it happened. Now it was the Canucks' turn at bat. Big Chief Bill Woo failed, and even Don Robbins, who was playing exceedingly well, succumbed.

Two down, and pitcher Sherry Bucks who long was in difficulties and on the point of folding up, fell down in his gallant job. "Tiger" Nazarin walked.

Hussain, George White was up to the occasion. He slashed out a sizzling hit which was distant enough to send Kassa Nazarin home.

It was then a tie again, with Hussain on third, Junior Markar was next. The situation was tense. Junior was tense. But he did it! He had let two strikes go by—he was not too excited after all. He drove out a well-placed grounder almost right over second base for a hit and the winning run was scored.

It was a powerfully reinforced Saints nine which did battle. Stan Leonard, considered the strongest slugger in the League, turned out again. Indeed, he cleared the centre field fence for a round-tripper, the longest blow of the game and longest for a long time.

Brother Omar Leonard did the same but over the left field fence. Young Kar-sing and Mamie Xavier were specially called to service. Oily Omar and Ador Rumjahn were benched. Perhaps it was another unwise move.

Rumjahn, a swift accurate catcher was not preferred and Sherry Bucks was put in. Bucks had not practised for the position and not a few Canucks stole bases.

It was unfair to all-arounder Bucks to have been thrown out. He has been a classy outfielder.

High-power hitting was to the losers' credit, but well-timed hits paid higher dividends for the Canucks.

ON THE AIR

Softball was on the air yesterday and the previous Friday. Representatives of the Association in the initial broadcast was the popular Assistant Secretary, Buster Hollands.

Questions were asked and answered about the game, even "what is softball?" The impression gathered from the broadcast was that softball enthusiasts are pretty unhappy, even if they will do any good—over lack of consideration by relevant authorities toward promotion of a popular sport. Did you hear last night's softball dish-out? It's on every Friday at the same time.

INCIDENTS

It was in the Saint-Canuck game last week. A Maple Leaf runner was dashing for first. The catch beat him. He bumbled into the first baseman. Whether it was a foul or otherwise could not be judged.

The baseman was sore. He went to the runner, gave him a shove, threateningly.

It was in the VRC-Chung Wah game. A Chung Wah runner was charging home. Again the ball beat the runner and was caught.

The above incidents are not on good taste, any way you look at them. Perhaps a remedy can be found. Such "fighting" spirit should be discouraged.

WEEK-END STARS

A. J. "Jindoo" Hussain St. Joseph's—The manager-player ran a country mile not on one occasion to snare seemingly impossible catches. He followed up with a couple of hits to the good. He was manning with a cool head, firmly but sportingly.

A. H. Bakar, Canadians—He saved his team from defeat at the 11th hour. The pre-war batting champ slammed two neat hits, signifying a powerful return to form.

George White and Junior Markar, Canadians—Their timely hitting not only kept their team in the fight but also helped to win it. George slammed in a tying run. Junior slammed in the winning run. Both fielded well.

Don Robbins, Canadians—The best hitting came from this reliable hitter. His triple pushed two important Canucks home and paved the way for his team's victory. He had two hits in three attempts.

Kelly Silva-Netto, Madcaps—This temperamental pitcher turned on some of his former heady pitching form. Consistently hitting again, he averaged the enviable four hits in four times at the platter.

C. M. "Specs" Tsang, Chung Wah—Claiming two of his team's three hits, he was an outstanding performer. He pitched above the average and was not found wanting picking 'em up.

Altee Mar, Canadians—It was this seasoned campaigner's game. She whiffed 13 Pirates and allowed only one hit, connected by Betty Park.

In the Canucks' first victory, the game was brought about by the able assistance of Winnie Woo and Julia Lee, who slammed two nice bingles. Alleen Chiften assisted too with a fourmaster.

Murdo Nicholson, Rangers—This Junior Leagueer was brilliant with five hits in five tries. He slugged his side to its initial success, against Vikings. It looks like a record hard to beat.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

This week's games follow:

Today
Junior League—2:30 p.m. Rangers v. Mohawks, 4 p.m. Jaguars v. Vikings.

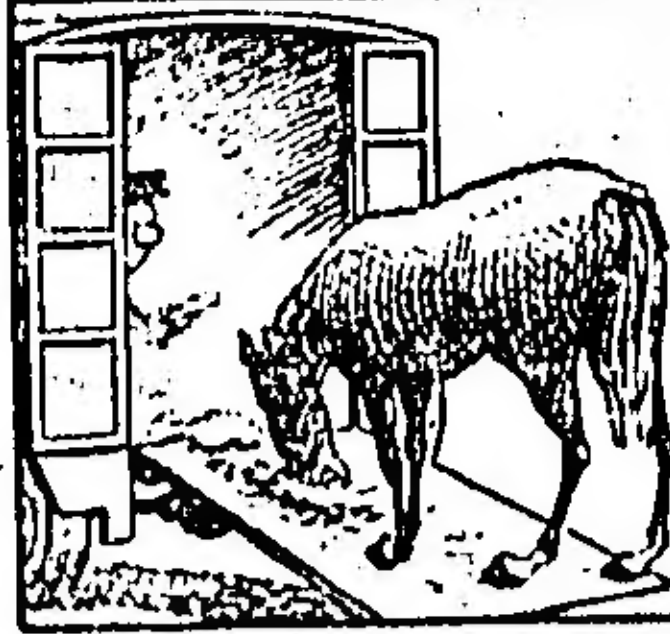
Tomorrow
Senior League—9 a.m. Overseas v. H.K.B.C., 10:30 a.m. Madcaps v. Americans, 12 noon. Khala v. Saints, 2 p.m. Recolet v. Chung Wah, 12:30 p.m. Canadians v. Filipinos.

All these games are to be played on either of the adjoining two grounds at King's Park.

Junior League—3:30 p.m. Rexes v. Braves.

Women's League—2 p.m. Wahoons v. Wildcats.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

By "SEE TEE"

THE BEST MATCHES THIS WEEK WILL BE ON SUNDAY

Junior League Game Should Hold The Spotlight This Afternoon

The best part of this week-end's soccer programme is reserved for Sunday afternoon, when all three Senior Division games offer different types of attractive football.

While big crowds will flock to Caroline Hill to see unbeaten South China "A" meet the strong challenge of Eastern; the Army v. Navy and Saints v. Kitchee games will draw their own supporters.

Perhaps the most interesting of this afternoon's games is the Second Division match at Boundary Street, where Kowloon Motor Buses are at home to South China. This game precedes the senior match in which pointless Kwong Wah play Kowloon Motor Buses' senior side.

With the first round of the big knock-out competitions in sight—the draw for the Shield contests took place on Tuesday—clubs will be straining every effort to raise their teams to topnotch standard in time for Saturday, December 4.

Only the Navy's difficulties in keeping eleven "regulars" in the field gives any clear indication of which clubs may well win through Round 1.

Without detracting from the sailors' customary keenness, their chances of surprising South China "A" are remote.

MOST OPEN

All the other three first round ties—South China "B" v. KMB; Kitchee v. Kwong Wah; and Chinese Athletic v. Club—are most open matches.

South China "B" have already lost 4-1 to KMB at Boundary Street a month ago; Kitchee beat Kwong Wah 5-1 a fortnight ago, while, in the first match of the season, Chinese Athletic beat the Club 4-2. Nevertheless, these league results are only tiny straw in the wind.

Knock-out football has a habit of producing surprising upsets.

One season, perhaps not too far in the future, young Colchester will be arising in Hongkong, brushing aside the Manchester United of their day.

POPPY FUND MATCH

"Come on Services! They'll get together in a minute." So cried a lone voice in the wilderness of the stands at Sookunpoo on Monday afternoon.

The match, Combined Services v. Rest of the Colony, was then no more than a quarter-of-an-hour-old, and the servicemen had notched a pretty goal through Gilmann's right foot.

At that stage of the game another ounce of thrust by the Combined Services might have put this game among the imponderables.

To score the first goal and to lose 1-0 is heavily to underline the wisecracker's words. Yet one may wonder how this Rest of the Colony XI knitted itself together so well.

It had little or no resemblance to the side originally invited to offer its football abilities to charity.

Five minutes before the players trooped out into the bright sunlight of this fine Sookunpoo afternoon, there was still some doubt as to the exact shape of the Rest of the Colony team. One player twice changed into playing kit, only to take no part in the game. A half an hour before this the Combined Services XI were sitting quietly in their dressing room.

In some quarters it is still regarded as a privilege to take any part in a charity match.

EARLIER KICK-OFF

Clubs, players, officials and the general public are reminded that until the end of this month second division matches must commence no later than 2:45 p.m., and senior no later than 4:15 p.m.

The bright sunlight, which beamed so happily on Sookunpoo on Monday, was quite unequal to the calls made upon it at Boundary Street last Saturday, with the result that St. Joseph's have to fight another day with the Police.

To abandon a game within five minutes of "time" is a grave responsibility to thrust upon any Referee.

Hull City's record of nine successive victories from the beginning of the season might have been recorded as ten had not their game at Oldham on August 31, been abandoned a few minutes from time. The City were leading by a single goal.

It is upon the goalkeepers that the shadow of bad light falls heaviest. In the closing moments of last Saturday's match at the Club ground the shrewd observer might have seen two of Hongkong's best players, Tam, of KMB, and Leek, of the Club, playing the oldest tricks of the trade in order to judge the flight of the high twilight ball.

THIS AFTERNOON

Four mainland first division sides are in action this afternoon, at Boundary Street, Kwong Wah are at home to KMB, while at Sookunpoo the RAF are at home to the Police.

Two victories, each by two goals to one, was the Police record in last season's games.

If the Airmen produce anything like the form with which they roused the Army last Sunday, every policeman will have to be right on his beat.

The Club's visit to South China "B" at Caroline Hill today revives memories of a spirited evening match last season which the Club won 2-0. A similar result today would not be far off current form.

When Kitchee, last season's champions, fielded several of the players who now are the large nucleus of the present South China "A" team, they met their Waterloo at Causeway Bay at the hands of an inspired St. Joseph's team.

That was last season. This tense battle was so ably controlled by Mr. Invenlar that one is tempted to ask when he may return to active refereeing.

The Kitchee of today, however can hardly hope to hold the present thrifful St. Joseph's team. The hand of Eric Keen will be steering the Saints in the direction they would go, even though on Sunday afternoon he may find pre-occupation elsewhere.

JUNIOR DERBY
This afternoon, South China Juniors will make a bold bid to climb to the top of the second division table at the expense of KMB.

Their rattling win over hitherto unbeaten CAA last week was a most impressive performance. Kowloon Motor Buses also offer an unbeaten scrap to South China and a terrific battle is in prospect.

Quite naturally this match will attract a big crowd. It will be a difficult job for Referee Ward to control twenty-two keyed-up and excited juniors without the assistance of qualified neutral linesmen.

Movements of H.M. Ships have caused the postponement of the Army v. Navy match which was to have been played at Causeway Bay tomorrow.

GOODBYE TO "JACK"
From the "on-the-field" viewpoint local football may well find expression in the Hongkong football Association's vote of thanks to Mr. A. G. Farmer for his services.

But the versatile Mr. Farmer was a man of more than one sphere of influence.

Reports on local soccer matches under the name de plume "Jack" are another deprivation which local football circles must suffer with the first turn of the "Lancashire" screw next week.

He will be missed not only by the general public but by both the Press and the Referees.

Another skipper who enjoys the respect and admiration of his players, Steve O'Neill of Detroit, reported tottering on his throne. The Tiger Manager, however, refuses to be disturbed about rumours of his dismissal.

HUMAN BEING
"I believe I can get more out of a player by treating him like a human being," O'Neill insists, "than I can get out of him by constantly making life miserable for him."

Harris and Ruel were of the same school and suffered accordingly for their belief.

Word spread that Yankee players were taking advantage of the easy-going Harris. The report actually had some foundation but those players who took advantage of the good-natured Harris were the same individuals who gave hard-bitten Joe McCarthy a hard time when Joe was running the Bronx Bombers.

"TOO GOOD"
Ruel, according to players who served under him with the St. Louis Browns, "too good for his own good."

Muddy never bawled out a player, preferring to reason with him instead. The practice, invited considerable abuse.

Ruel, incidentally, says he is far happier as a coach with the Cleveland Indians "where I don't have to be a policeman."

Lyons, released as manager of the Chicago White Sox earlier in October, did not differ for his good-naturedness as did Harris and Ruel.

"I may have a last-place club," he said, "but I'm fortunate in the respect that my team doesn't have any bad actors."

GENUINELY LIKED
Chapman, while running the Phillies, easily might have been mistaken for one of the players instead of the manager.

He joked and kidded with his players and was genuinely liked by them even though he was forced to wield the whip occasionally.

To this day, Ben claims he doesn't know why he was fired. It ap-

Television Hardly A Box-Office Menace

By STEVE SNIDER

New York Nov. 12.—Football can quit worrying about television as a box-office menace for a little while at least.

It'll never replace the 50-yard line ticket until every living room and Salon de Bourbon comes completely furnished with a straight jacket for the guy who operates the tuning dial.

The temptation to switch from one football game to another is terrific. The amount of time in which the field clock is stopped on a time out may seem slight when you're sitting in the grand-

stands but at home it looks like the boys never will get a play in. Perhaps it will be some time before the folks around the country will have a selection line like a recent Saturday in New York where there were simultaneous telecasts of football games between Rutgers and Columbia, Army and Villanova, Navy and California, plus a red-hot baseball game between the Red Sox and the Yankees.

The afternoon ran something like this:

KICK OFF

Columbia kicked off and stopped a Rutgers threat. Time out.

Switched to the Navy game and found Navy leading, 7 to 0, about to kick off to California, California threat, stopped. Time out.

Switched to Army in time to see Jack MacKinnell kick an extra point for Army, 7 to 0.

Switched to the baseball game and watched half an inning to find the Red Sox were leading 2 to 0 but nothing happened except foul balls and infield outs.

So it's Columbia 20, Rutgers 0," said the announcer on the next switch to football.

Army had the ball on Villanova's four but in three downs lost the ball on the nine and California was just kicking off after tying the score 7 to 7.

COLUMBIA LEADS

"And Columbia leads, 20 to 0," droned another announcer.

Finally saw a lad named Stan Webster score a touchdown for California and that just about was it for the day.

Three games and one touchdown. For the old grads and extreme partisans who can't make a particular game of the team of their choice, the temptation might not be so bad. Too, in most television areas right now there isn't much choice of stations.

But I'm not having any more of it until the temperature gets down to zero.

Then strap me up in my straight-jacket, James. I'll want to see a game—just one.—United-Press.

Chinese Bantam

David Kui Kong-yung, Chinese bantamweight world contender, is expected to fight Chai Situphon, Siamese bantamweight champion on November 21 in an international boxing contest sponsored by the United Nations Appeal for Children Fund branch in Bangkok.

Chinese Ambassador Dr. Hsien Pao-tiao has donated a cup to the winner of the fight.

David Kui Kong-yung, full blooded Chinese, holds the bantamweight championship of Hawaii and recently lost to Manuel Ortiz, Mexican bantamweight champion of the world in a title fight over 15 rounds.

The Chinese bantamweight boxer has 40 knockouts to his credit. He is scheduled to arrive in Bangkok from Manila to sign his fighting contract.

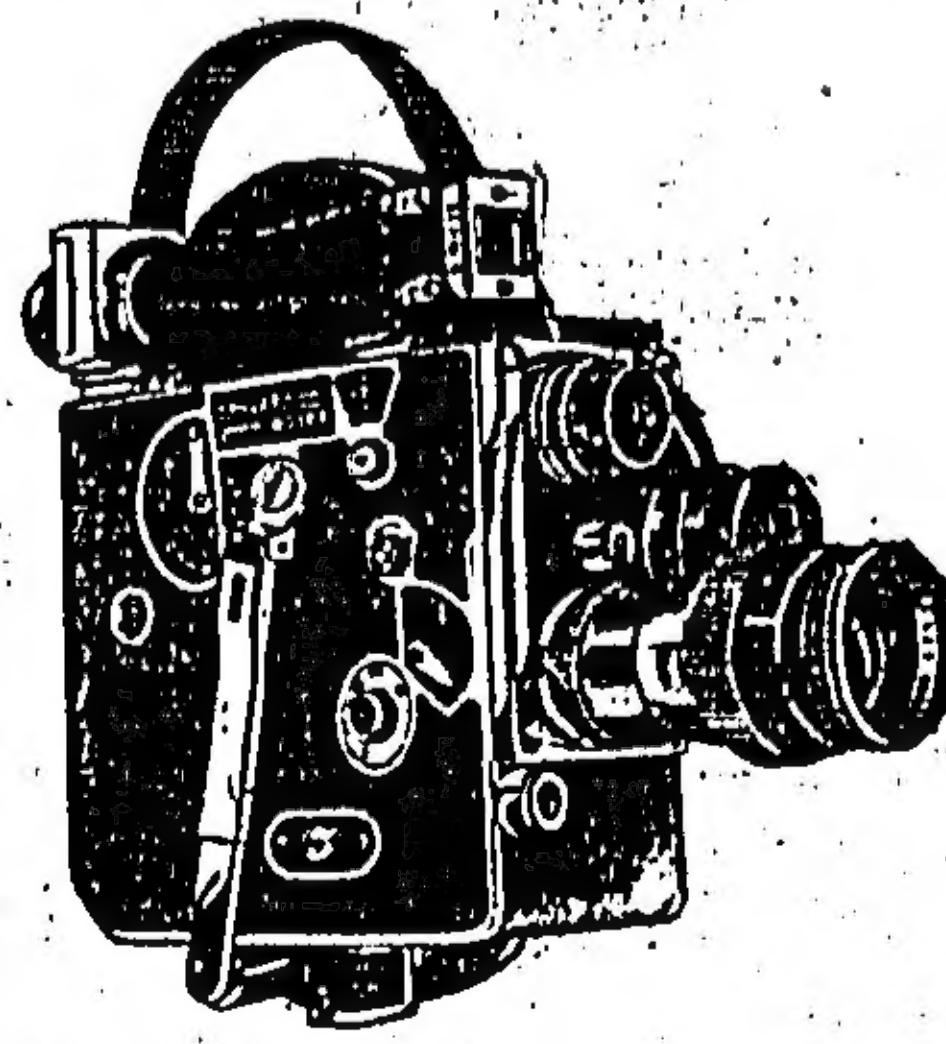
Popular Democrats Busy Purging

Prague, Nov. 11.—Eleven thousand four hundred people have been expelled in the purge of the Sokol sports and youth organization, the Sokol Central Action Committee has announced.

At the same time 95,000 new members have been accepted, mostly trade union members, who were urged to join.—Reuter.

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AIR POWER BASE IN U.S. GEOGRAPHICAL CENTRE

By George Carroll

UNCLE SAM is about to anchor both his offensive and defensive land-based air power in the geographical centre of the United States, sheltered to the West by the Rockies and the East by the Alleghenies.

This may or may not be the reason why the man who originated "Operation Vittles" to break the Russian blockade was summoned home from Germany.

But his first big job as new chief of the Strategic Air Command will be to move its headquarters 1,000 air miles inland to Offutt Field, near Omaha, Nebraska, from Andrews Field, outside Washington, D.C.

The man is Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who crippled Japan with B-29 Superforts. Now, once more he will wield the weapon of American strategic air power.

ITS MISSIONS

That is what SAC represents, for, as one of the three principal combat commands of the U. S. Air Force, it flies better and faster B-29s than LeMay had back in 1944-45, and also a dozen B-50s, mightiest of all the world's bombers.

Its mission is to deliver the A-bomb—or any other kind of explosive—to any required spot on the map.

Heart and brains of the organization is SAC HQ. Wherever the big bombers roam on their global

"training" flights, they take orders from the source—SAC HQ. This core is now going to be moved back from the shoreline, shielded a little more from sudden, hostile attack.

But this is only part of the story. Though its new location has not yet been disclosed, headquarters of the Air Defence Command, a second member of the combat triad, is to be moved to the same general area of the Midwest from its present exposed site on the doorstep of New York City at Mitchel Field, Long Island. Mitchel is 1,175 air miles from Offutt.

THE LEFT JOB

ADC, headed by Lt. Gen. George B. Stratton, veteran of the Southeast Asia theatre, represents the defence or left job of the USAF, as distinct from SAC's Sunday punch.

Stratton's responsibility is one of air defence of continental United States, with both regular fighter squadrons and those of the Air National Guard, plus the reservists.

He commands the four regular numbered Air Forces stationed in the country—the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 14th, strategically spotted to cover the national approaches.

As it stands today, both the headquarters of SAC and ADC sit on the edge of the Atlantic seacoast only 10 minutes apart by fast jet fighters. The third of USAF's combat arms, Tactical Air Command, led by Lt. Gen. Elwood (Pete) Quesada, remains at Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia, close to the headquarters of the Army's field forces.

This is desirable because Quesada's job is to work closely with the foot soldiers and paratroopers, giving the former air support and moving the latter about with his troop carrier squadrons of C-82 Flying Boxcars. Langley is 1,075 air miles from Offutt.

LEMAY'S SURVEY

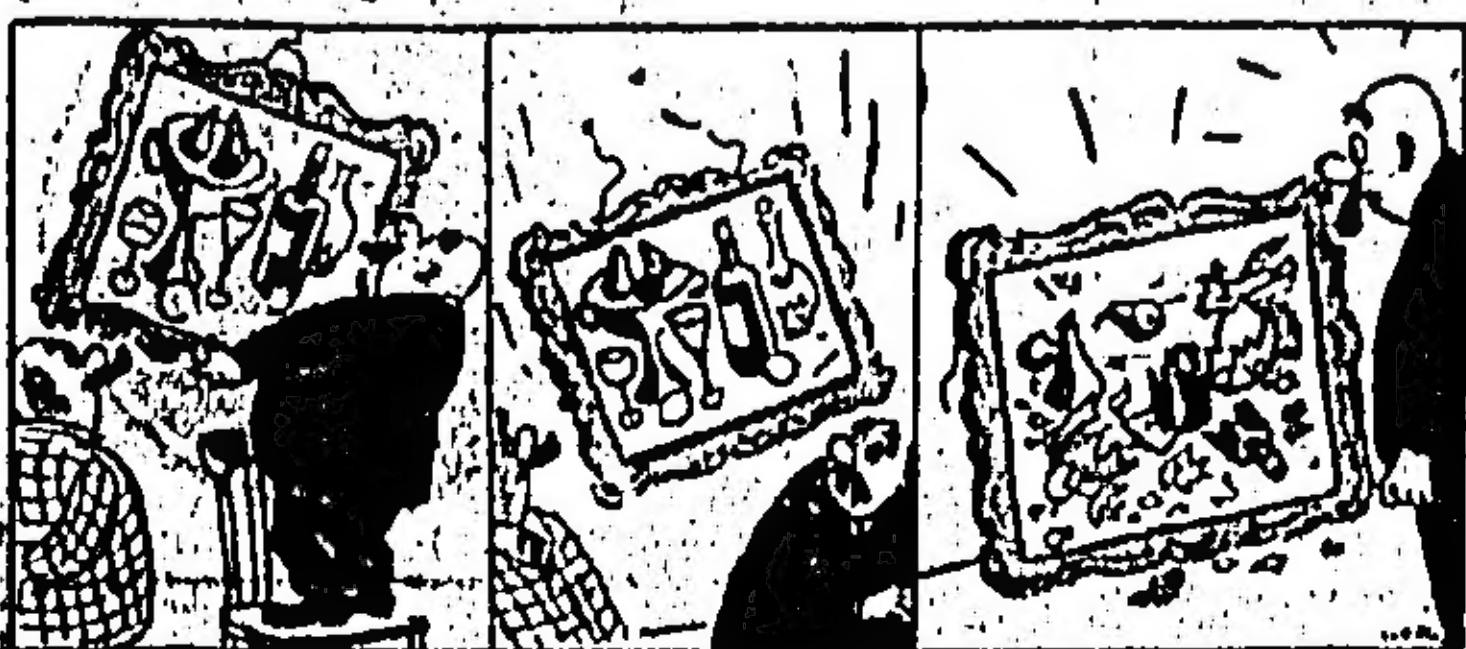
From his new command post outside Omaha, LeMay will be in a position to look towards Alaska and Korea as well as the troubled scene in Europe and the "bomber run" that cuts both ways across the North Atlantic.

It is only 2,000 air miles from Offutt to Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska, oldest and best American air base in the north polar region. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker recently declared the United States should make Alaska a major base. He also commented: "Next in defence—and this is a 'must'—is a radar screen from Alaska across Canada to Greenland and Iceland; a semi-circle in the Arctic. It would give us the opportunity to warn our strategic air bases and the air defences in time to intercept the enemy before he could reach our continent and industrial centres."

From Offutt to Meeks Field, Iceland, busy transit point for the bombers and transports of World War II, it is 3,250 miles.

DAB and FLOUNDER

By WALTER



MEET A HERO AND FORGET THE HOCUS-POCUS

THE PLAGUE. By Albert Camus. Hamish Hamilton. 9s. 6d. 285 pages.

THE plague begins in Oran, that ugly Franco-Arab commercial town, when Dr Rieux sees a rat spin round and die, in a bloody gush, at his feet. Soon thousands of rats are dying, with the utmost publicity.

The doctors and municipal authorities, after unconvincing delay, recognise the obvious. Oran is locked up with its fearful enemy. It must live or die alone, helped from outside by inadequate drugs and encouraging broadcasts.

This is the story of how Oran reacts to the calamity. In particular, it is the story of how a handful of men, led by Dr Rieux, fight against the epidemic, an ill-armed, perhaps pointless, and therefore heroic battle.

Camus, who tells their story, is one of those postwar French writers whose fame has crossed the Channel wrapped in a thick fog of hocus-pocus. Like his friend and co-national, Sartre, he is supposed by many to reveal a new philosophy of life. What it is, nobody can explain. What it is, he does not try to do so. "The Plague" can be read without any worry about The Truth. The Meaning, or any other dubious characters in capital letters. It is an impressive and gripping narrative.

THE heat in the beleaguered town, the winds of popular emotion, shifting between jauntiness and despair, the ghastly ironies of the epidemic—all these Camus picks out with the hard selective eye of the good reporter, as if he were covering "the Oran disaster" for Reuters. But he does not see merely the outside of things, as a journalist; he sees into them, as a poet.

Dr Rieux is helped by Tarrou, an idealist ("Can one be a saint without God?—that's the problem I'm up against"), by Rambert, a journalist who wants passionately to escape from the town, by Grand, a modest clerk who cannot complete the first sentence of his epoch-making novel, and by Father Paneloux, the Jesuit, who preaches that the plague is a blessing in disguise, and tells manfully to defeat that blessing.

If Paneloux cannot reconcile his action with his belief, none of the others can reconcile their notions with their lack of belief. Their ideas are absurd and illogical. Are they the martyrs of an unformulated religion, of the unknown god

whose altar Paul found on Mar's hill? "The Plague" is an unheroic record of heroism, an account of pestilence in which the horrors are not over-played, a detached but ultimately favourable judgment on mankind, in which there are more things to admire than to despise.

FATHER. By Sarah Campion. Michael Joseph. 12s. 6d. 248 pages.

Dr C. G. COULTON was a crochety old cur and no mistake. He was a history Don at Cambridge, and the terror, exhaustion and joy of his family. What these suffered under this eccentric tyrant is related by his daughter Sarah with something more than filial piety and with no uncritical affection.

If father could answer back he might point out that an old gentleman of 80 is entitled to indulge his whims. Dr Coulton, above most things in life, enjoyed a controversialist bout with Roman Catholic ecclesiastics. A harmless enough diversion, in which many men since John Knox have delighted.

But Dr Coulton's daughters became hysterical trying to save their father from this self-indulgence. Sarah points out that he would have made much more money by writing something different. A memorable point of view surely. It would have forbidden Zola to write "J'accuse," and prevented Voltaire from wasting potential earning power on the victims of persecution.

Besides, dialectical pugnaency was an essential part of Dr Coulton. It was what made Father tick. Father is strongly recommended as the entertaining portrait of a cantankerous, spirited and lovable Englishman.

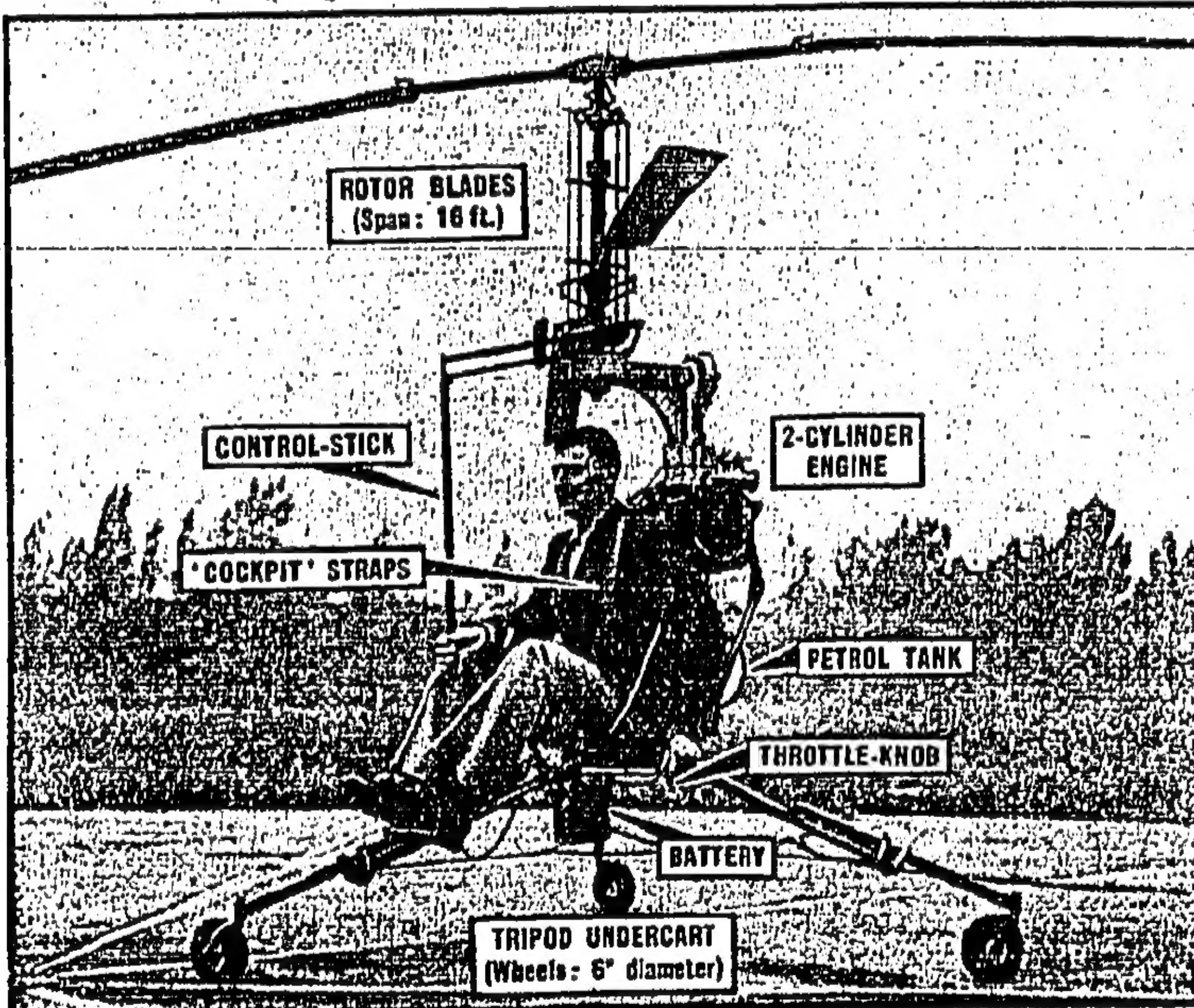
SWITCHBACK. Brian Lunn. (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 15s.) 264 pages.

WHO has the right to publish an autobiography? Everybody, perhaps? Or only great men when they are old? Or only very good writers?

I am not quite sure, but I think it should be only very good writers. In other people such self-revelation seems, though well meant, superfluous and, when really candid, even indecorous.

Reading Mr Lunn's frank account of his marriage and divorce and attempted suicides, I felt as I do when singled out for condolences by a stranger in the train "Why does he think that I want to know all this?" And that in spite of the fact that I found his personality not unsympathetic and his lack of hypocrisy admirable.

Mr. Pentecost builds an 'air motor-cycle'



THE HOPPI-COPTER JUST 'LOAF'S ALONG'

By BASIL CARDEW

HORACE T. PENTECOST, 39-year-old aero engineer from Seattle, U.S.A., drove me to an airfield west of London the other day to demonstrate his one-man machine for "walking in the clouds."

He designed it, he says, "just to loaf along a few feet above the ground at a snail's pace, to hover, or play tag with the clouds."

The Hoppi-Copter, as he calls the machine, was in a hangar. I pushed the eight-foot high tubular skeleton on its tripod undercarriage. It was easier than pushing a motor-cycle. Its total weight is only 180lb.

On the tarmac Pentecost showed me the works. I strapped myself into a canvas-backed seat and put my feet into leather-strapped "sandals." Someone pulled a cord which started the two-cylinder engine in the way a dinghy's outboard motor is started.

"You will be able to do every air manoeuvre with the single control stick," said Pentecost. "Twist it more it up, or down, backwards, sideways, or forward.

Whatever you do to the stick, the Hoppi-Copter will do, too."

So with my right hand I controlled the plane; the left hand worked two knobs by my hip—the clutch and the accelerator. No dials, clocks, or meters.

The Hoppi-Copter lands or takes off in a cleared area only 30 feet square, has a carrying capacity of 250lb., and will fly for an hour on two and a half gallons of normal pump spirit. Ceiling is 12,000 feet.

"I suppose," said Pentecost, "you would really call it the motor-cycle of the air. Cruising speed is 40 to 60 miles an hour."

"We don't do much with small engines in the States, so I have fixed up with a Bournemouth firm to build the 35 h.p. engine—and probably the whole Hoppi-Copter. It may be a year before we are in production, as then we should be exporting to America."

The Hoppi-Copter is also interesting the Ministry of Supply. Its engineers and fliers are to put it through a thorough test.

One Hundred Miles—For Six Shillings
In the saddle: Horace T. Pentecost.



OFF CLOUD-WALKING...
The Hoppi-Copter goes up.

P. S.—I asked the inventor what would happen if the engine stopped in mid-air. He says that the automatic free-wheeling clutch would allow the rotors to go round like a falling leaf, and the Hoppi-Copter would float down gently.

SEE NORGE BEFORE YOU BUY



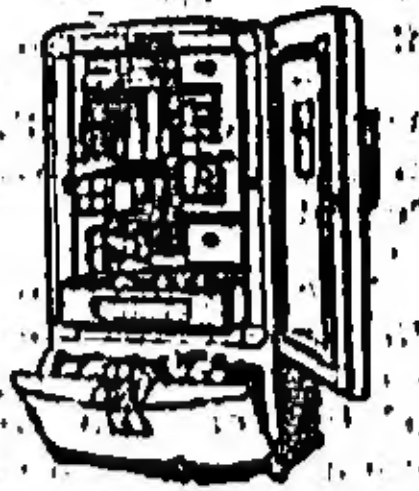
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

by STELLA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

BORN today, you have a highly investigative nature. You want to know the why of everything and your restless mind gives you no assurance. Parents of children born on this day must guide and direct them carefully at an early age to cultivate their best talents.

Frank, open and straightforward, you are the type to go in where even angels might fear to tread. You are quite the reformer at heart and must be satisfied with taking things one step at a time. Your imagination and visualization is vivid and you

do a lot of dreaming. But you have the ability to turn your dreams into reality, for there is a practical streak in your nature.

Rather too slow, at times, to make up your mind, once it is made up, you are set and determined to push through to your goal no matter what. You can be absolutely stubborn when crossed or pushed against your will, but exceedingly docile when led diplomatically by someone you either love or admire.

Your affections are deep and,

although you may not wear your heart on your sleeve, once you have made up your mind in the selection of a life partner your marriage will be an exceptionally happy one. You, of the fair sex, are especially attractive to members of the opposite sex and should have several offers of marriage before you make your final decision.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BORN today, you are an individualist and want to go your own way through life and let others go theirs. Freedom and independence are important to you. Although you have an outlook, you learn, early in life, to keep it well under control unless you are pushed around too much. Then, you lash out and become a harsh opponent.

If a man, you are fond of the outdoors and will enjoy active sports. You have a great deal of physical energy and if you are careful, your health should be excellent into a ripe, old age. You

are fond of animals and probably, always will want to have a pet in your home.

Affectionate and home-loving, you will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have a large family. You are very fond of children and will make an excellent parent. You will make a guard against being too indulgent.

When it comes to a life career, select something in which you are working directly with people. You probably have what is called a "nose for news" and would make an excellent reporter, interviewer or even a detective or trial attorney.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—A good day for the improvement of your personal popularity. Make progress along some specific line of endeavour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Seek spiritual guidance if perplexed and you will find your energies renewed. Personal contemplation is advantageous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Outlook is now improving. New friends and perhaps a new environment will brighten your prospects. The unexpected can be good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fine day for travel or new adventures. Even the unexpected is likely to be a very pleasant surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A good day for pleasant social gatherings of close friends and relatives. This is an auspicious time for personal matters.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Spiritual advice can be very helpful now. Analyse your own motives. Know where you are going; plan to reach your goal.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—In dealing with merchants, bankers or your attorney, you may anticipate excellent results. Get some unofficial advice, perhaps.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Surgeons and dentists appear to be favourably benefited today. If necessary, take a journey for business and reap a reward.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—To those who are alert to opportunity, a great deal may be made of this day. Combine social and business interests for the best possible results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—A business trip, perhaps in connection with the purchase or sale of real estate, is indicated favourably. Deal with your elders.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Contacts should prove valuable today, so make the most of them. Good for travel, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Morning is a fine, active period in which you can make excellent business gains. Slow down when afternoon comes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be tactful when it comes to romance, but you may be aggressive and

positive if making a property transaction.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Inventions are favoured, especially if they are well-publicised. Promotion pays off now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Mental activity is of the utmost importance right now, so be alert and responsive to all that goes on around you. Opportunity may knock.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Farmers, landlords and those dealing in leather goods appear especially favoured now. Make progress in your business.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—The building trades, real estate and transportation are the lines which are active for you today. Be alert!

Skeleton Crossword

In the skeleton crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Your black squares and the clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The black squares form a symmetrical pattern: the top half matches the bottom half, and the

two sides correspond, so you can fill in 12 squares at once to correspond with those given.

Since there is no 1 down the first square in the second line and its corresponding ones can be blocked in.

Except where they may occur in phrases, words of less than three letters are not used in this puzzle.

CLUES ACROSS

1. What an animal play (4)
2. A man on a ship (4)
3. Domestic (4)
4. Expectations are to be (4)
5. (four words)
6. It's calamitous to get (4)
7. A letter with a (4)
8. A (4)
9. Wandered about to (4)
10. A (4)
11. Here up? (4)
12. Take note (4)
13. We have to admit (two words)
14. In spite of his name, this Australian would be unlikely to field as long as (4)
15. Trial of transaction (4)
16. The rider, having changed, is not so wet (4)
17. If the box be included, would they be dressed up to the nines? (4)
18. Hardly as (4)
19. One of those seaside coves (4)
20. Not, however, a water-spout (4)
21. Threaten to put an end to the little devil (4)
22. It seems that the unnamed substitute is not the last man in (three words)

CLUES DOWN

1. Handy thing for one who wants to have a row (4)
2. It's perfectly lawful for the French provincial and (4)
3. A circle, then, might conceal the bird (4)
4. Civic roundly (4)
5. Dug up some cloth (4)
6. Lengthen a little dog's tail (4)
7. Tie up the rest, possibly (4)
8. Spoke at some length in a (4)
9. Pull a Scotman's leg? Not his ear (4)
10. She starts things happening (4)
11. It's many-headed, but hardy otherwise (4)
12. Journey's end (American edition) (4)
13. The salmon period (4)
14. Born in a bygone era (4)

(Solution on Page 14)

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It's the most gorgeous surprise John ever gave me, mother, but I'm worried—he must have had something really big on his conscience!"

WEEK-END QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff in place of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery?

2. "The rule is, jam tomorrow and jam yesterday—but never jam today." Author, please.

3. When doctors speak of "Bright's disease," what sickness are they referring to?

4. The festival of Santa Claus falls on—December 6, December 25, January 1 or January 07?

5. If a person is guilty of vulgicide he has—wounded someone, set fire to a house, preyed on his fellows, killed a fox?

6. What are the essential ingredients of nylon?

7. What gave rise to the name of the Canary Islands?

8. What is the Stone of Destiny?

9. What have these in common—Gilshenan, mousetrap, goldfinch, quid, stranger?

10. Who will succeed Mr. Mackenzie King as Prime Minister of Canada?

(Answers on Page 14)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber.

AN unofficial spokesman in touch with me says that the forecast of a whiter loaf is sure to start the old controversy about wholesome, halfmeal and normal loaves.

The moment bread gets whiter the expert chemists prove by statistics that white bread is bad for you because it tastes nice. Then begins the rhapsody and tumble-tumble of high and low extracts, rates, until some arch-chemist announces the results of a diet of white bread on selected rats flown from Peru, and all the owners of pet dogs fly into a high state of alarm.

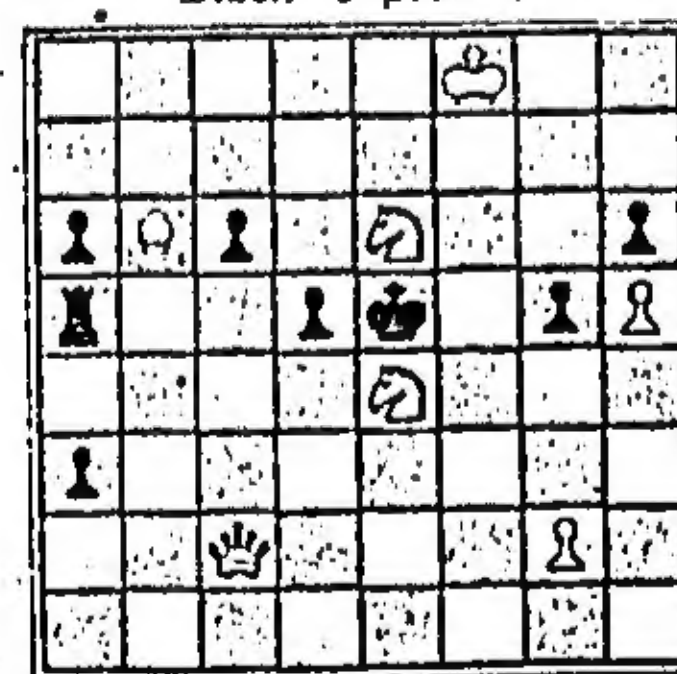
I can now reveal...

AN Indian pole-jumper at Uxbridge jumped so high that he vanished completely. That is the true explanation of the banning by the "Olympic" Games authorities of two Indian rope-trick experts who entered for the pole-jumping contest.

Hostess for Moth Ball chosen

AS I go to press, the report of the Working Party on Moths has not been issued. But it has been announced that the Party is one official, who has been collecting papers for seven months. "That makes it all quite clear, especially as one can eat 1,102lb. of nettles in a year, and enough 'old razor blades were discarded in 1940 to make a single railway line from Stourminster to Upton St. Farragut. The official, by the way, is called the Rollin."

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. F. L. ALEXANDER
Black 8 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R x KP, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

How to Bid Slams
Under Point-Count

AK5	(7)	4
QJ62	(3)	
A983	(4)	
K4	(3)	
74	17	
88	2	
Q1065	10743	
QJ107	2	
3	983	
Q63	(2)	
AK5	(7)	
KJ74	(4)	
A62	(3)	
	17	

Tournament—Both vul.
South West North East
1 N.T. Pass 6 N.T. Pass
Opening—4 ♣ 28

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

SLAM bidding is the subject of this final article in the series taken from the booklet entitled "The Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge" by Fred L. Karpin of Washington, D. C.

The whole system is based on counting an ace four points, a king three, a queen two, a jack one, the fifth card of a suit one, and the sixth card of a suit one. For a game, a minimum of 26 points is needed in the combined hands.

Thirty-four points are needed in the combined hands to "guarantee" a small slam, while 38 points are needed to "guarantee" a grand slam. But, points out Mr. Karpin, if either of the partners is assured of a minimum count of 33 points, a small slam should be bid; and 37 points is worth a try for a grand slam. Thirty-three and 37 do not "guarantee" slams, but they will make over 60 per cent of the time.

When South opened the bidding on today's hand with one no trump, North, holding 17 points, knew that the combined hands held at least 33, as 16-18 points are needed for a one no trump opener. He was justified, therefore, in jumping to six no trump.

A nice safety play must be employed to insure the contract. The opening lead of the queen of clubs is won with declarer's ace. The king of diamonds is cashed, a small diamond led and dummy's eight-spot finessed. Thus declarer loses only one diamond. Even if all five of the missing diamonds were in the East hand, declarer is assured of three diamond tricks by laying down the king of diamonds.

As Mr. Karpin says, even in the point-count system, you must not lose any opportunity in the play of the hand.

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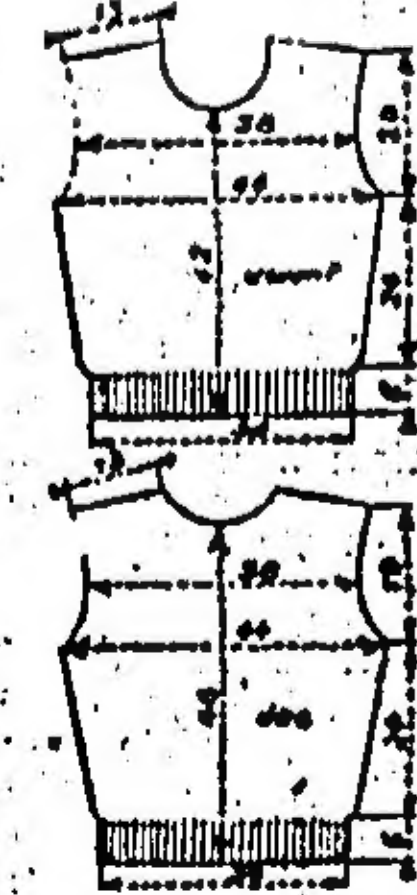
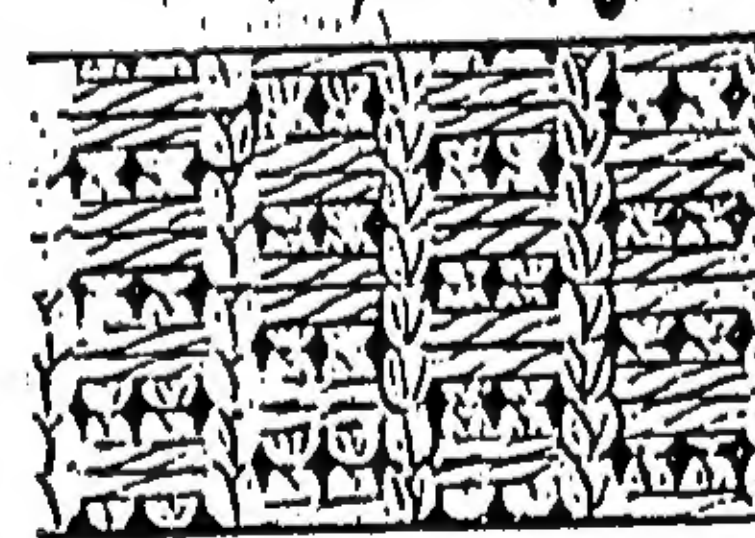
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